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# COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

**SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1997**
**528 LINDEN STREET**
**SAN FRANCISCO**
**10:00 A.M.**

1. Introductions, announcements
2. Public comment on all items appearing on the agenda
3. Discussion of programs to be included in budgetary requests for the FY 1996-97 and FY 1997-98. Recommendation to the Commission. (ACTION)
4. Adjournment

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# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
# COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

**FEBRUARY 17, 1997**

The Policy and Planning Committee of the Commission on the Environment met at 10:00 a.m. on February 17, 1997. Present were Commissioners Anne Eng and Becky Evans, and Department of the Environment Director Beryl Magilavy.

After discussion of the various options for departmental programs for the remainder of the 1996-7 fiscal year and for the 1997-8 fiscal year, the following program was adopted, and will be submitted to the full Commission for approval:

A. Programs

1. Sustainability indicators: baseline and ongoing research
2. Conduct research and update the **State of the City** report
3. Public access space
4. Public outreach
5. Integrated pest management program
6. Environmental Policy Center on-line information system
7. Green building program
8. Ensure compliance of City of San Francisco with environmental policies already on the books, such as the 10% reduction of "greenhouse" emissions by the year 2000 and other policy initiatives passed by the Board of Supervisors in response to the advice of its advisory Commission on San Francisco's Environment
9. UC Extension service expansion to City and County of San Francisco

B. Functional activities

1. Move sustainability plan through commissions and Board
2. Consider what agencies should be moved under the Department of the Environment
3. Collaboration with other city agencies on implementation of sustainability plan

The Department Director was directed to draft fleshed-out program descriptions and cost projections for consideration of the Commission at a special meeting to be held later during the week of February 17.

After a discussion of possible meeting times for the Commission's special meeting, the committee meeting adjourned at 12:00.

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# AGENDA

## And NOTICE OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 27, 1997**

**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 206***

**San Francisco**

**6 PM**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment on all items appearing on the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of Committee meeting of May 14, 1997 — ACTION
4. Report on status of the City's budget process — INFORMATION
5. Discussion and approval of project priorities for FY 1997-98 for recommendation to the Commission on the Environment — ACTION
6. Discussion and approval of a process for consideration of the policies and practices of City departments — ACTION
6. Adjournment

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**Minutes of a Special Planning and Policy Committee Meeting**
**Held on May 27, 1997**

1. The emergency special meeting of the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairperson Anne Eng.

   Present were Commissioner Rebecca Evans, Commission President Francesca Vietor, Department Director Beryl Magilavy, and Commission Secretary Christopher Chow.

2. There being no members of the public present, no public comment was heard.

3. Commissioner Evans moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

   Commissioner Vietor seconded the motion. After corrections were made, the minutes were unanimously approved. Commissioner Vietor also requested that minutes be sent out with the agendas of meetings henceforth to allow Commissioners an opportunity for prior review.

4. Director Magilavy reported that some progress on the City's budget process has been made; however, a meeting with Mayor Brown on the budget must wait until after the June 3 election.

5. Discussion of programs focused on revised program priorities in five topic areas:

   Resource Efficiency (e.g., green building legislation, conference);

   Economic Development and Social Justice (e.g., brownfields development);

   Human Health (e.g., pesticides, Integrated Pest Management plan implementation);

   Information/Outreach (e.g., constituency services, environmental conference, environmental training for government agency staffs, public environmental information space); and

Compliance with the Sustainability Plan of San Francisco (working with other City departments to adopt and implement the Sustainability Plan).

The Committee discussed significant activity in the areas of brownfields development, green building legislation, and pesticide use reduction by local and federal government agencies, community-based non-profit organizations, and private funders.

Director Magilavy emphasized that a minimum of three program staff people was needed to begin implementing the proposed projects.

Commissioner Vietor proposed and moved to adopt a resolution approving the proposed programs targeting the four topic areas of Resource Efficiency, Economic Development and Social Justice, Human Health, and Information/Outreach. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans.

The resolution was unanimously adopted as a recommendation to the full Commission on the Environment. The text of the adopted resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Projection of a budget of approximately $300,000 for FY 1997-98 was also presented.

6. Commissioner Vietor moved to put Item #6, discussion and approval of a process for consideration of the policies and practices of City departments, on the next meeting's agenda.

The next meeting of the Planning and Policy Committee scheduled for June 4, was changed to June 12, 1997 at 6 p.m. in Room 430 of the War Memorial Performing Arts Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

**RESOLUTION ON REVISED PROJECT PRIORITIES**
**(Commissioner Vietor)**

RESOLVED, that the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment recommends to the Commission the adoption of the following topic areas as program priorities for Fiscal Year 1997-98 for the Department of the Environment:

1) Resource Efficiency
   . Green Building (legislation and conference);

2) Economic Development and Social Justice
   . Brownfields

3) Human Health
   . Pesticides (implementation of the Integrated Pest Management plan)

4) Information-Outreach
   . Environmental conference
   . Constituency services

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
## * SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 12, 1997**

**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430*,**
**6 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment on all items appearing on the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of Committee meeting of May 27, 1997 — **ACTION**
4. Report on the status of the City's budget process — **INFORMATION**
5. Review and discussion of project priorities for FY 1997-98 and the role of the Commission — **INFORMATION**
6. Discussion and approval of a process for consideration of the policies and practices of City departments — **ACTION**
7. Discussion and approval of goals for the Commission's special (strategic planning) meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 1997 — **ACTION**
8. Adjournment

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**Minutes of a Special Planning and Policy Committee Meeting**
**Held on June 12, 1997, 6:00 p.m.**

1. The special meeting of the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Chairperson Anne Eng.

   Present were Commissioner Rebecca Evans, Commission President Francesca Vietor, and Department Director Beryl Magilavy.

2. A member of the public (David Graves) suggested and urged the Commission to use volunteers for implementing the program priorities, and suggested two names of individuals who should be considered valuable resources. He also provided the Committee with proposed revisions for the resolution which relates to program priorities and which was considered by the Commission on June 10, 1997, but referred back to the Planning and Policy Committee Meeting.

3. Upon a motion by Commissioner Evans, the minutes of the previous meeting, May 27, 1997, were unanimously approved.

4. Director Magilavy reported on the progress of the City's budget process, stating that the current budget for 1997-98 would cover the salaries for the Director and two staff members, and some limited ancillary funding for program activities. Based on the recent meeting with Mayor Brown, the Department will need to identify existing agency programs for reorganization and moving them into the Department. It is expected that there will be a follow-up meeting with the Mayor in early July. There was a long discussion on the budget for the Integrated Pest Management program and the need for additional funds for the Department's program work in this area.

5. The Committee discussed the program priorities and it was agreed that the four areas previously identified (green building, brownfields, IPM, and information/outreach/constituency services) continue to be priorities, with the IPM program as the most significant priority and requiring the most resources. These priorities will be integrated into the Department's review of other agency programs, and will help illustrate how the Department can be effective in a coordinating role.

6. The Committee discussed the process for consideration of the policies and practices of City departments, and identified various components, concerns and possible approaches in carrying out this work. Commissioner Evans moved to adopt the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

   RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of the Environment is hereby asked to prepare a draft description of issues to be considered in assessing the functions of other City departments, with the goal of determining which of them might be enhanced by their being moved to the Department of the Environment, such a description to include an estimate of staff time necessary for the review work

   It was suggested by a member of the public that the Department and Commission consider not only existing programs and policies, but also identify programs which may be needed and do not yet exist. These program "gaps" may be ones which could be developed and administered by the Department.

7. The Committee discussed the goals of and possible topics for the Commission's special (strategic planning) retreat/meeting. Commissioner Vietor would prefer that the meeting be rescheduled for Saturday, August 16th, and said that she would call other Commissioners to see if this new date was acceptable. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution.

   RESOLUTION ON COMMISSION'S TOPICS FOR SPECIAL (STRATEGIC PLANNING) MEETING
   (Commissioner Eng)

   RESOLVED, that the Planning and Policy Committee suggests the following topics for discussion by the Commission on the Environment at its special (strategic planning) meeting:

1) Role of Commission with discussion of the Commission's role for a 5- and 10-year period;

2) Public hearings as a Commission function;

3) Process for addressing "hot" topics;

4) Public outreach;

5) Program priorities;

6) Identification and evaluation of other agencies' policies and programs.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission should clarify the role of members of the public who wish to attend this special meeting, and that the Department assist the Commission in obtaining a volunteer facilitator, an accessible location for the meeting, and materials (writing boards, easles, etc.) that may be necessary for use by participants at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning and Policy Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. (regular meeting time is the third Thursday of the month) in Room 430 of the Veterans War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, July 17, 1997**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 p.m.**

1. Call to Order by Committee Chair, Commissioner Anne Eng
2. Approval of minutes of the Committee Meeting of June 12, 1997 **ACTION**
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion and approval of policies relating to Integrated Pest Management Ordinance **ACTION**
5. Discussion and approval of Director's proposal relating to the Commission's review of City departments' policies and practices **ACTION**
6. Discussion and approval of procedures and priorities for the Commission's consideration of "hot" issues and conducting public hearings **ACTION**
7. Discussion and approval of goals for the Commission's special (strategic planning) meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 1997 **ACTION**
8. Adjournment

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF**
**PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**
**OF JULY 17, 1997**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Anne Eng. Present were Commissioners Evans and Vietor. Also present were Director Magilavy and Secretary Chow.

2. **Minutes of the previous Committee meeting of June 12** were approved upon motion by Commissioner Evans.

3. **Public Comment:** None was offered.

4. **Discussion of policies relating to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance** was based on a memo to the Committee from the Director, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

   Commissioner Evans moved to approve the policies proposed by the director concerning emergencies with an additional provision that when emergency requests have been granted, the director will report them to the Commission President and the department public outreach coordinator. The motion was unanimously carried.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, the Committee unanimously approved the director's proposed policies regarding repeat exemption requests (consideration of requests for chemical exemptions for a particular use if the Commission has allowed an exemption and use for another City department) with the modification that if an exemption has been granted for a particular chemical for a particular use, other agencies must submit a summary-form exemption request to the Department, briefly explaining their process for determining that they need the exemption. Exemptions can be granted by the Department if appropriate. And, information on the exemption should be disseminated by the Agriculture Department.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, the Committee unanimously approved the Director's policy recommendation allowing re-submission of exemption requests previously denied upon a show of good faith effort to find alternatives.

   The Committee discussed policy parameters relating to non-compliance but took no action.

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5. **Discussion of the director's proposal relating to the Commission's review of City departments' environmental policies and practices** began with the director reporting on the submittal of a request to the Mayor for a management analyst to assist the DOE in reviewing environmental functions and programs throughout City government that might better be under the purview of the DOE.

   The Director further advised that a list of functions or programs recommended for relocation to DOE be compiled for the Mayor's review.

   Commissioner Vietor added that the Mayor's charge on this matter is not clear on specificity or scope.

   The Committee, upon motion by Commissioner Evans, unanimously agreed to accept in concept the recommended process outlined in the Director's memorandum of July 17, 1997 delineating an approach to assessing functions of other agencies. The memo is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. **Discussion of priorities for the Commission and consideration of "hot" issues and conducting public hearings** ensued.

   The issue of program priorities was tabled since the discussion is also calendared for the special strategic session of the Commission on August 9.

   Discussion of a procedure for considering "hot" issues focused on directives/requests from the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. Committee members wondered when should advice be given or whether the Commission should always have a hearing on an issue. Other questions centered on whether the Commission has an advocacy role or an educational role on "hot" issues.

   The Director added that she presently does not have the resources to handle the recent requests from the Board regarding an assessment of plans to address toxic wastes at the China Basin ballpark site and the health effects to residents of cleaning up the Hunters Point Shipyard to industrial versus residential standards. If the Board wants DOE to be an environmental ombudsman (analogous to the role of the Board's Budget Analyst), then DOE will need more funding and staff resources.

   Commissioner Vietor responded with a discussion of four points.

   1) During a lunch with Supervisor Gavin Newsom, Commissioner Vietor learned of discussions to have a new, separate Environment Committee of the Board that would interact with DOE.
   2) City Administrator Bill Lee offered support from his office.
   3) The Commission should schedule hearing topics in advance.
   4) Public hearings are an integral part of the Commission's function.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, the Committee unanimously recommended to the full Commission that the "issues form" process used by the previous Commission on San Francisco's Environment be adopted by this Commission as a way of handling special topics that come before the Commission. A copy of the Issue Submittal Form is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Without objection, the Committee accepted President Vietor's proposed hearing topics:

Resource Efficiency/Green Building Guidelines (August);
Transportation (September);
Energy (October);
Food and Agriculture (November);
Water & Wastewater (December);

With the further proviso that one member of the Commission be responsible for organizing the hearing on a specific topic.

7. **Discussion of goals for the Commission's special strategic planning meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 1997** ensued.

   An added item: question to Deputy City Attorney David Greenburg: can commissioners as private individuals advocate/lobby on other matters before the City?

   Upon motion by Commissioner Vietor, the Committee unanimously recommended that the first half of the August 9 meeting discuss outstanding program issues before discussing a strategic, long-term vision in the second half of the special session.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

1. RESOLVED, that the the Commission grant the director the discretion to grant emergency exemptions in rare instances, with the director to report all such exemptions to the Commission at its next scheduled meeting;

   AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that when emergency requests have been granted, the director will report them to the Commission President and the department public outreach coordinator.

2. RESOLVED, that once a year-long exemption is granted to one agency for a particular chemical for a particular use, that that exemption would apply to other agencies, providing those other agencies submit a summary-form exemption request to the Department on the Environment, briefly explaining their process for determining that they need the exemption; and that exemptions can be granted by the Department if appropriate; and that information on the exemption should be disseminated by the Agriculture Department.

3. RESOLVED, that, in order to make things as easy as possible for the departments, no barriers will be placed in the way of their access to the Commission, should they think they need it; that if it becomes burdensome, or if it appears that it is being abused, this rule can be re-examined later.

4. RESOLVED, that the first half of the Commission's special strategic meeting of August 9, 1997 be devoted to discussing outstanding program issues before discussing a strategic, long-term vision in the second half of the meeting.

**ISSUE SUBMITTAL FORM**

Issue Presented: _____

Sponsoring Commissioner: _____

1. How would the Commission's action on this issue be consistent with its priorities?

   The Commission's priorities are:

   A. Production of a report on the state of the City's environment and its environmental sustainability;

   B. Development of a long-term goals and objectives for the environment and environmental sustainability of the City;

   C. Development of a strategy with short- and intermediate-term policies to accomplish these goals and objectives;

   D. Review of any legislation referred to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors;

   E. Advising the legislative, executive, and administrative offices of the City with respect to regulations and actions of regional agencies as they relate to the environment and the environmental sustainability of the City; and

   F. Providing informative materials to City departments and agencies on issues related to the environment of the City.

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2. Has this issue been acted upon or studied by any other city body? If so, give the name of the city body and the time and type of action or study.

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3. How is this issue significant to the environment?

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4. What type of Commission action is the sponsor seeking?

That the Commission:

A. Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor taking a specific position on the issue;

B. Hold hearings to gather more information on specific elements of a particular issue;

C. Issue a report and/or letter to the appropriate city department on a particular issue;

D. Include a particular issue in the Commission's Annual Report;

E. Issue a report to the Board of Supervisors requesting legislation on a particular issue, or

F. Take some other action.

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5. The Commission wishes to inform principal interested parties of its deliberations. Are there organizations or individuals whose interests would be particularly affected action on this issue?

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BERYL MAGILAVY, DIRECTOR

TO: Planning and Policy Committee

FROM: Beryl Magilavy

RE: Approach to Assessing Functions of Other Agencies

DATE: 7/17/97

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Issues to be considered in assessment of agencies to be moved under the Department of the Environment

1. Do research in two parts
   a. Functions in which the department has a priority interest: human health (IPM); resource conservation (green buildings); sustainable economic development (brownfields); public information
   b. Other city functions
2. For each function, determine:
   a. Is this a function that is being performed, or one that is in a program's mission but is not being performed?
   b. Specific information about the function and its current context:
      i. Mission of the agency overall
      ii. Agencysize, source of funding,
      iii. Type of project
         (1) Regulatory
         (2) Compliance
         (3) Service provision
         (4) Public information;
      iv. Collateral services provided by current department
   c. Areas that might be improved by moving to DOE
   d. Recommendation
3. Request assistance from the mayor's office. We need the assistance of a management analyst who will be able to clearlyassess relevant functions, determine the difficulties as well as the advantages of moving agencies and/or functions of agencies, and assess how the ancillary functions provided by functions' current agencies could be moved or otherwise duplicated in the Department of the Environment.

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

### REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, August 21, 1997**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of July 17, 1997 **ACTION**

3. Public Comment

4. Review and consideration of goals, objectives and priorities of the Department and Commission, as discussed at the Commission's Special Strategic Planning Meeting on August 9, 1997 and as discussed by the Committee at earlier Meetings in May, June and July, 1997 **ACTION**

5. Review and consideration of proposed revisions to the Commission's Bylaws, for recommendation to the Commission **ACTION**

6. Review and, if necessary, revise the proposed resolution pertaining to the Integrated Pest Management Program, which was previously distributed for the Commission's meeting on August 12, 1997 **ACTION**

7. Adjournment

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DRAFT RESOLUTION
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

**Approach to Assessing Functions of Other City Agencies (Commissioner Eng)**

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested that the Department of the Environment review and assess the functions of other City departments and agencies with regard to the environment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment accept in concept the recommended process outlined in the Director's memorandum of July 17, 1997 delineating an approach to assessing the functions of other agencies, which follows:

Issues to be considered in assessment of agencies to be moved under the Department of the Environment:

1. Do research in two parts

    a. Function in which the department has a priority interest: human health (IPM); resource conservation
    (green buildings); sustainable economic development (brownfields); public information

    b. Other city functions

2. For each function, determine:

    a. Is this a function that is being performed, or one that is in a program's mission but is not being performed?

    b. Specific information about the function and its current context:
        i. Mission of the agency overall

        ii. Agency size, source of funding

        iii. Type of project

            (1) Regulatory

            (2) Compliance

            (3) Service provision

            (4) Public information;

        iv. Collateral services provided by current department

    c. Areas that might be improved by moving to DOE

d. Recommendation

3. Request assistance from the mayor's office. We need the assistance of a management analyst who will
be able to clearly assess relevant functions, determine the difficulties as well as the advantages of moving agencies and/or functions of agencies, and assess how the ancillary functions provided by functions' current agencies could be moved or otherwise duplicated in the Department of the Environment.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

**Granting One Year Exemptions to the IPM Ordinance (Commissioner Eng)**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment, in its regular meeting of July 17, 1997 has adopted a resolution regarding the granting of one-year exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that once a year-long exemption is granted to one agency for a particular chemical for a particular use, that that exemption would apply to other agencies, providing those other agencies submit a summary-form exemption request to the Department on the Environment, briefly explaining their process for determining that they need the exemption; and that exemptions can be granted by the Department if appropriate; and that information on the exemption should be disseminated by the Agriculture Department.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

**Granting Emergency Exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance (Commissioner Eng)**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment, in its regular meeting of July 17, 1997 has adopted a resolution recommending a policy for the granting of emergency exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance;
Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the the Commission grant the director the discretion to grant emergency exemptions in rare instances, with the direction to report all such exemptions to the Commission at its next scheduled meeting; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that when emergency requests have been granted, the director will report them to the Commission President and the department public outreach coordinator.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

**Access to the Commission for Departments Requesting IPM Ordinance Exemptions (Eng)**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment, in its regular meeting of July 17, 1997 has adopted a resolution recommending access to the Commission for City departments requesting exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, in order to make things as easy as possible for the departments, no barriers will be placed in the way of their access to the Commission, should they think they need it; that if it becomes burdensome, or if it appears that it is being abused, this rule can be re-examined later.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

**Adopting Issue Submittal Form to Place Special Topics Before the Commission (Commissioner Eng)**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment in its regular meeting of July 17, 1997 has adopted a resolution recommending that the "issue submittal form"process used by the previous Commission on San Francisco's Environment be adopted as a way of handling special topics that come before the Commission; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission will use the following procedure to consider special topics for placement on the Commission's agenda:

A. Any special topic for the Commission's consideration must be sponsored by one or more commissioner(s);
B. A proposed special item should be communicated in concept to the President, who will determine whether the issue is consistent with the Commission's charge and, if appropriate, will place the issue on the upcoming agenda;
C. Sponsoring commissioner(s) are responsible for preparing:
   1. A draft resolution,
   2. A completed issue submittal form,
   3. Balanced background information, and
   4. A list of names and addresses of concerned parties

   In good time to be reviewed and mailed out with the agenda packet for the next meeting.

D. Sufficiency of the material itemized in C(2) above shall be reviewed by the President, or in her/his absence or incapacity, the Vice President of the Commission.
E. The reviewing officer, President or Vice President, will notify the Commission Secretary of his or her determination of sufficiency of the material and forward the approved material to the Commission Secretary for inclusion in the Commission's agenda packet.
F. The issue submittal form shall be as follows:

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### ISSUE SUBMITTAL FORM

Issue Presented: _____

Sponsoring Commissioner: _____

1. How would the Commission's action on this issue be consistent with its priorities?

   The Commission's priorities are:

   A. Production of a report on the state of the City's environment and its environmental sustainability;

   B. Development of a long-term goals and objectives for the environment and environmental sustainability of the City;

   C. Development of a strategy with short- and intermediate-term policies to accomplish these goals and objectives;

   D. Review of any legislation referred to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors;

   E. Advising the legislative, executive, and administrative offices of the City with respect to regulations and actions of regional agencies as they relate to the environment and the environmental sustainability of the City; and

   F. Providing informative materials to City departments and agencies on issues related to the environment of the City.

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2. Has this issue been acted upon or studied by any other city body? If so, give the name of the city body and the time and type of action or study.

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3. How is this issue significant to the environment?

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4. What type of Commission action is the sponsor seeking?

That the Commission:

A. Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor taking a specific position on the issue;

B. Hold hearings to gather more information on specific elements of a particular issue;

C. Issue a report and/or letter to the appropriate city department on a particular issue;

D. Include a particular issue in the Commission's Annual Report;

E. Issue a report to the Board of Supervisors requesting legislation on a particular issue, or

F. Take some other action.

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5. The Commission wishes to inform principal interested parties of its deliberations. Are there organizations or individuals whose interests would be particularly affected action on this issue?

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# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 1997

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anne Eng at 6:17 p.m.

2. Present were Commissioners Eng and Evans. Also present were Director Magilavy and Secretary Chow.

3. No members of the public were present.

4. The Chair recommended continuing the review of the goals, objectives, and priorities of the Department and the Commission to the next meeting.

   The department director recommended the distribution of the Bureau of Energy Conservation's suggested evaluation criteria to all Commissioners as an aid to integrating the program priorities previously adopted by the Commission with the suggested priorities discussed at the Commission's retreat of August 9, 1997.

5. Following a general discussion of revising the Commission's Bylaws, the Committee members present unanimously passed a motion by Commissioner Evans to request that the Chair begin drafting some language for the Committee's consideration.

6. Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, the Committee members present unanimously resolved to re-consider the previous resolutions pertaining to the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) and to strike the whereas clauses from those resolutions.

   The resolutions pertaining to a) the granting of one-year exemptions to the IPM ordinance, b) the granting of emergency exemptions, and c) the ability of City agencies to re-apply for exemptions were adopted unanimously upon motions by Commissioner Evans. The resolutions are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**A) Granting one-year exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) ordinance.**

RESOLVED, that once a year-long exemption is granted to one agency for a particular chemical for a particular use, that that exemption could be applied to other agencies, at the discretion of the Department of the Environment. Those agencies wishing to come under a particular exemption shall submit a summary-form exemption request to the Department on the Environment, briefly explaining their process for determining their need for the exemption.

The Commission requests that information on exemptions currently granted be disseminated by the Agriculture Department as part of its IPM assistance program for City departments.

**B) Granting emergency exemptions to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance.**

RESOLVED, that the Commission delegate to the director of the Department of the Environment the discretion to grant emergency exemptions to pesticide bans mandated by the Integrated Pest Management program for the rare instances at which they are expected to occur.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department shall report any emergency exemptions to the Commission President and the department public outreach coordinator as soon as is practicable, and to the Commission at its next scheduled meeting.

**C) Affirming the ability of departments to re-apply for exemptions**

RESOLVED, should a request for an exemption to the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance be denied by the Commission on the Environment, the applicant department may re-apply at any time.

7. There was no comment from the public.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**WEDNESDAY, September 17, 1997**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of August 21, 1997 **ACTION**
3. Public Comment
4. Review and consideration of goals, objectives and priorities of the Department and Commission **ACTION**
5. Review of approach to assessing other city agencies functions **ACTION**
6. Review adoption of issue submittal form and process of placing special topics before the Commission **ACTION**
7. Review of request for assistance of Mayor's Office **ACTION**
8. Review of program evaluation criteria and process **ACTION**
9. Other Business **INFORMATION**
10. Adjournment

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### *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

### REGULAR MEETING

**THURSDAY, October 16, 1997**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order and introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of September 17, 1997 **ACTION**
3. Public Comment
4. Review and discussion of outcomes of special meeting of the Commission on September 27, 1997

   4.01 – Resolution linking goals and priorities (see Attachment) **ACTION**
5. Review and discussion of purpose and topics of hearings at regular meetings of the Commission **ACTION**
6. Review and discussion of the definition of hot issues **ACTION**
7. Other Business **INFORMATION**
8. Adjournment

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**Attachment to Agenda of Planning & Policy Committee Meeting, October 16, 1997**

**Item 4.01**

RESOLUTION LINKING GOALS OF COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROGRAM PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment adopt the following goals linked to the following program priorities for the Department of the Environment:

A. Achieve maximum effectiveness on environmental programs of city departments, agencies, and elected officials;

Priorities for 1997-98 – Review of environmental functions of departments and agencies of City and County of San Francisco;

Priorities for next 5 years – implementation of the Sustainability Plan.

B. Promote environmental awareness, social justice, and education, and develop related programs resulting in personal commitment and action;

Priority for 1997-98 – Public outreach and education;

Priority for next 5 years – environmental summit, implementation of Sustainability Plan.

C. Decrease of chlorinate toxics in San Francisco;

Priority for 1997-98 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program;
Priority for next 5 years – brownfields.

D. Enhance the vitality of San Francisco neighborhoods and encourage community participation;

Priority for next 5 years – environmental summit, brownfields.

E. Effectively respond to and manage special requests and special projects that have environmental implications;

Priority for 1997-98 – hot issues and special topics.

F. Reduce San Francisco's impact on the earth's natural resources and preserve and restore the city's natural heritage;

Priority for 1997-98 – resource efficiency (green building standards)

and

G. Ensure the effective operations and program implementation of the Department of the Environment.

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**Draft Minutes of**
**Planning and Policy Committee Meeting**
**Thursday, October 16, 1997**

1. Call to order & roll call. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairperson Anne Eng. Present were Commissioners Rebecca Evans and Francesca Vietor. Secretary Chow was also present.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 17, 1997 were unanimously approved.

3. There was no public comment.

4. Review of Outcomes of the special strategic retreat meeting of September 27, 1997. Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, Item 4.01 was unanimously adopted

   RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment adopt the following goals linked to the following program priorities for the Department of the Environment:

   A. Goal: Achieve maximum effectiveness on environmental programs of city departments, agencies, and elected officials;

      Priorities for 1997-98 – review of environmental functions of departments and agencies of City and County of San Francisco;

      Priorities for next 5 years – implementation of the Sustainability Plan.

   B. Goal: Promote environmental awareness, social justice, and education, and develop related programs resulting in personal commitment and action;

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Priority for 1997-98 – resource efficiency (green building standards)

and

G. Goal: Ensure the effective operations and program implementation of the Department of the Environment.

The item will be placed on the consent calendar of the Commission's next regular meeting on November 12, 1997.

5. Review of the purpose of hearing topics. The premise of conducting hearings on various environmental topics and/or issues is to better attain the goals outlined by and for the Commission. The Committee outlined the following purposes for hearings: a) to achieve maximum effectiveness as a Commission; b) to promote awareness of issues; c) to foster community participation and dialogue; d) to respond to special requests; e) to further the implementation of the Sustainability Plan.

6. Discussion of definition of hot issues. The Committee focused on developing a strategy or mechanism for handling or responding to hot issues, special topics or requests. The discussion outlined these criteria: a) matters that require an immediate response; b) matters arising from emergency or urgent situations; and c) matters of public controversy. Chairperson Eng suggested that the Department of the Environment review and recommend to the Commission guidelines or parameters for addressing special topics, projects, or hot issues.

7. Other Business. Commission President Vietor reported on progress with the mayor's briefing with environmental leaders. A list of twelve names was reviewed

and the Committee concluded that the list needed further refinement to ensure a balance between local, regional, and national environmental issues and the goals and priorities the Commission sees before the City and County of San Francisco.

President Vietor announced that Commissioner Eng, who would continue to serve on the Planning and Policy Committee, would vacate the committee chair in order to devote more time to chairing the Public Outreach and Education Committee.

President Vietor appointed Commissioner Evans as Chair of the Planning and Policy Committee effective immediately.

The next meeting of the Public Outreach and Education Committee will be Tuesday, November 4, 1997 at 6 p.m. in Room 430 at 401 Van Ness Avenue.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

*NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**REGULAR MEETING**
**Thursday, November 20, 1997**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of October 16, 1997 — **ACTION**
3. Discussion of upcoming events: Mayor's environmental briefing bicycle summit, parks summit (December 20) — **INFORMATION**
4. Discussion of Green Community Development Forum — **INFORMATION**
5. Resolution recommending City undertake mapping accessibility to nutritious, affordable food in the various neighborhoods — **ACTION**
6. Resolution urging the Board of Education to develop a program to encourage students to create and maintain in-school gardens for the purposes of learning about sustainable agriculture and growing their own food — **ACTION**
7. Possible cancellation of December meeting. — **ACTION**
8. Other Business/Public Comment — **INFORMATION**
9. Adjournment

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# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

***SCHEDULED FOR***
***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997***
***6 P.M.***
***ROOM 430, 401 VAN NESS AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO***

***HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.***

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# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

***Scheduled for
Thursday, 6 p.m., December 18, 1997
Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco
has been cancelled.***

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THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE WILL
HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY,
JANUARY 15, 1998
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### PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

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**REGULAR MEETING**
**Thursday, January 15, 1998**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of October 16, 1997 **ACTION**
3. Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address odor problems connected with the Southeast Wastewater Treatment facility as soon as possible including the repair of the plant's sewage digesters. **ACTION**
4. Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the developers of the new 49ers stadium and the adjacent mall to encourage transit use and address parking and traffic concerns raised by the general public as the proposed project is automobile-dependent and in conflict with the City's transit first policy. **ACTION**
5. Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to work with other agencies and with developers and other appropriate agencies to prepare comprehensive analyses of alternatives for wastewater treatment, particularly at the proposed developments at Mission Bay, PacBell Park and the new 49ers stadium/mall. **ACTION**
6. Resolution urging the San Francisco Planning Department, the Water Department, and the Recreation and Park Department to consider ecological concerns for Lake Merced. **ACTION**
7. Resolution authorizing additional language to the IPM regulations for emergency authorizations. **ACTION**
8. Other Business/Public Comment
9. Adjournment.

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE**
**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
**MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 1998**

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairperson Rebecca Evans. Present were Commissioners Anne Eng and Francesca Vietor.

2. **Approval of the minutes of October 14, 1997** was continued to the next meeting in February.

**RESOLUTIONS** (See Attachment for texts.)

3. **Odors in the Hunters Point/Bayview Neighborhood.** Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, it was unanimously adopted.

4. **Traffic Problems Engendered by the Proposed 49er Stadium/Mall.** Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, it was unanimously adopted.

5. **Alternative Wastewater Analyses.** Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, it was unanimously adopted.

6. **Ecological Concerns for Lake Merced.** Item tabled for the February meeting for lack of sufficient information.

7. **Emergency Chemical Exemption Authorizations.** Upon motion by Commissioner Vietor, the resolution was unanimously approved as amended. (See Attachment for text.)

8. **Other Business/Public Comment**. The upcoming Green/Sustainable Communities Development Forum was discussed. The Committee requested the Director to convene a meeting with Susan Clark, Executive Director of the Columbia Foundation, Commissioner Christine Russell, and Commissioner Vietor to create a proposal for a green or sustainable communities development forum. The committee further requested that the Finance and Operations Committee add discussion of the forum proposal to its agenda for January 26, 1998. There was no public comment.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
## January 15, 1998

**Item 3. File No. PPC-001-98. Odors in the Hunters Point/Bayview Neighborhood.**

**WHEREAS,** the neighborhoods adjacent to the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Facility are exposed to the noxious odors generated by the treatment plant;

**WHEREAS**, a bond measure was passed in 1994 and $ 5 million was allocated to the repair of San Francisco's Southeast Wastewater Treatment Facility's sewage digesters;

**WHEREAS**, the wastewater program has determined that the bulk of these odors is caused by the plant's sewage digesters; and

**WHEREAS**, the solution of this problem is long overdue; be it, therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address the odor problems connected with the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Facility as soon as possible including the repair of the sewage digesters.

**Item 4. File No. PPC-002-98. Traffic Problems Engendered by the Proposed 49er Stadium/Mall.**

**WHEREAS,** it has been reported that the new 49ers stadium and mall will be automobile-dependent;

**WHEREAS,** the general public is concerned about access to the stadium/mall and traffic concerns;

**WHEREAS,** parking is planned for the part of Candlestick Point Recreation Area that is also the planned site of a wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, increased auto traffic may adversely impact public recreational values, including open space usage, bicycling, recreational and pedestrian activities; and

**WHEREAS,** auto-dependency of this project is in conflict with San Francisco's transit first policy, as set forth in the city's General Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed stadium/mall are already over-burdened by traffic on game days, thereby adversely affecting the quality of life in these neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** the traffic in the U.S. 101 corridor is currently heavy and expected to increase; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Commission on the Environment urges the City and County of San Francisco and the stadium/mall developers to develop a plan to address these problems which would include environmentally sound sustainable solutions.

**Item 5. File No. PPC-003-98. Alternative Wastewater Analyses.**

**WHEREAS,** the combined new developments along the San Francisco Bay front present a major opportunity for wastewater treatment planning; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative wastewater treatment is addressed by Board of Supervisors resolutions and the Sustainability Plan as adopted by the Board on July 25, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined planned new developments on the San Francisco Bay front will be done by private developers and by the City and County of San Francisco; be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** that the Commission on the Environment urges the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to work with the developers and other appropriate agencies in preparing a comprehensive evaluation of feasible and sustainable alternatives for wastewater treatment and re-use in a timely manner; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the developers engage the services of an appropriate independent consultant to assist in preparing the evaluation of these alternatives.

**Item 7. File No. PPC-004-98. Additional Language in IPM Regulations for Emergency Exemption Authorization.**

**RESOLVED,** that the Integrated Pest Management Program Regulations be amended and incorporated with additional language as follows (amendment and additional language are underlined):

**§1.7 Emergencies**
(a) In the case of an emergency, departments may apply <u>for dispensation to use a banned chemical</u>, using the standard form and stating the emergency circumstances directly to the Department of the Environment. The department director has been delegated the authority by the Commission on the Environment to grant exemptions in the case of emergency.

(b) Determination of whether an emergency exists is at the discretion of the department. (Please note that emergencies, by their very nature, should be rare. The heart of an IPM program is monitoring pest populations and setting threshold damage levels so that a deliberate course of pest management can be undertaken.)

<u>(c) **Absence of those Authorized to Grant Emergency Exemptions:** Emergency exemptions to posting requirements are the responsibility of the County Agricultural Commissioner. In the event of his or her absence from the office for one or more days, he or she shall delegate the authority to consider and grant emergency posting exemptions to the IPM Program Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture. Should this individual not be available for one or more days during the absence of the Agricultural Commissioner, the Department of Agriculture shall notify the Director of the Department of the Environment, who shall be authorized to grant emergency posting exemptions until the return of an authorized party in the Department of Agriculture.</u>

<u>Should the Director of the Department of the Environment be absent for one or more days, authority for the granting of emergency pesticide use exemptions shall be delegated to the IPM Program Coordinator in the Department of the Environment. Should this individual not be available for one or more days during the absence of the Director of the Department of the Environment, the Department of the Environment shall notify the Agricultural Commissioner, who shall be authorized to grant emergency pesticide use exemptions until the return of an authorized party to the Department of the Environment.</u>

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**REGULAR MEETING**
**Thursday, February 19, 1998**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430***

**6 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meeting of January 15, 1998** — **ACTION**
3. **File No. PPC-002-98.** Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the developers of the new 49ers stadium and the adjacent mall to encourage transit use and address parking and traffic concerns raised by the general public as the proposed project is automobile-dependent and in conflict with the City's transit first policy. — **ACTION**
4. **Ramifications of de Young Museum's Future Plans, Parking Garage, and Bond Measure for June, 1998 Election** — **ACTION**
5. **Personal Watercraft Issues (Safety & Water Pollution)** — **ACTION**
6. **Potential Transportation Legislation** — **ACTION**
7. **Potential Air Quality Resolutions** — **ACTION**
8. **Other Business/Public Comment**
9. **Adjournment.**

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

*DRAFT MINUTES*

**REGULAR MEETING**
**Thursday, February 19, 1998**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Eng, Krefting and Vietor (via speakerphone from Denver), Director Magilavy, and Secretary Chow.

2. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of January 15, 1998** were unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Krefting.

3. **File No. PPC-002-98.** Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the developers of the new 49ers stadium and the adjacent mall to encourage transit use and address parking and traffic concerns raised by the general public as the proposed project is automobile-dependent and in conflict with the City's transit first policy.

   Committee members wanted to defer further discussion pending an update on the status/progress of the stadium/mall project proposal and clarification of the Department of City Planning's environmental impact review process. Director Magilavy was asked to contact Mr. Michael Colbruno of the Mayor's Office to schedule a meeting with 2 or 3 commissioners, and Ms. Hillary Gitelman of City Planning for information on the EIR process. Commissioner Evans and Eng agreed to continue working on this resolution.

   Regarding other resolutions on the agenda, the Commissioners discussed deferring action because of insufficient time to properly study the ramifications. Chairperson Evans requested that discussion of jurisdictional and procedural matters relating to resolutions and other legislation be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

4. **Ramifications of de Young Museum's Future Plans, Parking Garage, and Bond Measure for June, 1998 Election.** The director was asked to ascertain the status and exact language of the proposed bond measure so that the Finance and Operations Committee would have sufficient information for analysis. Commissioner Krefting was concerned about the details of the existing outdoor parking spaces to be replaced by parking spaces in the proposed parking garage.

5. **Personal Watercraft Issues (Safety & Water Pollution).** Introduced by Commissioner Evans. Discussion initiated by Commissioner Krefting. Chairperson Evans, recognizing that at least one commissioner might have a conflict of interest, ruled that this item would be forwarded without a vote to the full Commission with a request that the president calendar the resolution for consideration or action at the next regular Commission meeting.

6. **Potential Transportation Legislation.** None.

7. **Potential Air Quality Resolutions.** None.

8. **Other Business/Public Comment.** Commissioner Eng requested that the minutes of the October committee meeting be placed on the next meeting's agenda. Potential legislation concerning Lake Merced will be deferred until more information is gathered.

   Commissioner Krefting commented that the background materials provided in support of a proposed Ward Valley nuclear dumpsite resolution mostly addressed issues not in the Commission's jurisdiction. No action taken.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING**
**Thursday, March 19, 1998**
**War Memorial Performing Arts Center**
**401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 430**

**6 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.**

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee Meetings of October 16, 1997 and February 19, 1998** — **ACTION**

3. **File No. PPC-002-98. (Resolution on proposed 49ers Stadium/Mall) Progress Report & Clarification of EIR Process.** — **INFORMATION**

4. **Ramifications of de Young Museum's Future Plans** — **INFORMATION**

5. **Jurisdictional and Procedural Matters Concerning Resolutions:** — **ACTION**
   a) Appropriateness of Non-Local Issues
   b) Use of Issue Submittal Forms

6. **Potential Biodiversity Resolutions** — **DISCUSSION**
   a) Preserving Open Space Funds & Maintaining Open Space Bank
   b) Extending the Life of the Open Space Advisory Committee Another 15 Years
   c) Requesting Report on Biodiversity Practices of Recreation & Park Department
   d) Implementing Biodiversity Recommendations of the Sustainability Plan

7. **Update on Power Plants** — **INFORMATION**

8, **Planning for Sustainable Development Forum & Mayor's Environmental Briefing** — **DISCUSSION**

9. **Planning for Earth Day Reception and Commission Strategic Retreat** — **DISCUSSION**

10. **Other Business/Public Comment**

11. **Adjournment**

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### ISSUE SUBMITTAL FORM

Issue Presented:

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Sponsoring Commissioner:

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1. How would the Commission's action on this issue be consistent with its mission and goals?

   The Commission's mission is to improve and enhance the quality of life in San Francisco in the areas of solid waste management, recycling, energy conservation, natural resource conservation, environmental justice, toxics, urban forestry and natural resources, habitat restoration, hazardous materials, transportation, and protection of the natural world, and to promote San Francisco's long-term environmental sustainability.

   The Commission's goals are to:

   A. Achieve maximum effectiveness on environmental programs of city departments, agencies, and elected officials;

   B. Promote environmental awareness, social justice, and education, and develop related programs resulting in personal commitment and action;

   C. Decrease or eliminate toxics in San Francisco;

   D. Enhance the vitality of San Francisco neighborhoods and encourage community participation;

   E. Effectively respond to and manage special requests and special projects that have environmental implications;

   F. Reduce San Francisco's impact on the earth's natural resources and preserve and restore the city's natural heritage;

   G. Ensure the effective operations and program implementation of the Department of the Environment.

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2. Has this issue been acted upon or studied by any other city body? If so, give the name of the city body and the time and type of action or study.

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3. How is this issue significant to the environment?

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4. What type of Commission action is the sponsor seeking?
   That the Commission:

   A. Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor taking a specific position on the issue;

   B. Hold hearings to gather more information on specific elements of a particular issue;

   C. Issue a report and/or letter to the appropriate city department on a particular issue;

   D. Include a particular issue in the Commission's regular environmental state of the city report;

   E. Issue a report to the Board of Supervisors requesting legislation on a particular issue, or

   F. Take some other action.

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5. The Commission wishes to inform principal interested parties of its deliberations. Are there organizations or individuals whose interests would be particularly affected action on this issue?

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**Thursday, April 16, 1998**

**6 p.m.**
**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco**

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| 1. | **Call to Order and Introductions** | |
| 2. | **Approval of Minutes of March 19, 1998** | **ACTION** |
| 3. | **Potential Resolution on AB 2617, Banning Methyl Bromide Near Schools, Residences, & Nursing Homes** | **ACTION** |
| 4. | **Potential Resolution on Dioxins and Other Threats to Human Health** | **ACTION** |
| 5. | **Potential Resolution on Policy and Procedures for Drafting Resolutions** | **ACTION** |
| 6. | **Update on Earth Day Breakfast** | **ACTION** |
| 7. | **Update on Commission Strategic Retreat** | **ACTION** |
| 8. | **Potential Biodiversity Resolutions** | **ACTION** |
| | a) Requesting Report on Biodiversity Practices of Recreation & Park Department | |
| | b) Implementing Biodiversity Recommendations of the *Sustainability Plan* | |
| | c) Extending the Life of the Open Space Advisory Committee Another 15 Years | |
| | d) Preserving Open Space funds & Maintaining Open Space Bank | |
| 9. | **Update on Power Plants** | **INFORMATION** |
| 10. | **Other Business/Public Comment** | |
| 11. | **Adjournment** | |

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## DRAFT MINUTES
## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
### THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1998

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Eng and Vietor. Director Magilavy was also present.

2. **Approval of Minutes of March 19, 1998.** Upon motion by Commissioner Vietor, unanimously adopted. The Minutes of February will be considered at the next meeting.

3. **Resolution on AB 2617, Banning Methyl Bromide Near Homes & Schools.** Removed from the agenda because methyl bromide is not used for agricultural spraying in San Francisco County. The Committee requested that the Integrated Pest Management program coordinator investigate methyl bromide's classification and current status in relation to San Francisco's IPM Ordinance. There was a discussion of the fact that the IPM coordinator would be away on jury duty for possibly the next four to five months. The committee asked that the director discuss this staffing problem, and the possibility of hiring a temporary replacement at the Finance and Operations Committee.

4. **Resolution on Dioxins and Other Threats to Human Health.** This item was deferred to next month's meeting pending further study. Chairperson Evans requested that the commission secretarty ascertain the Regional Water Quality Board's position or view on dioxins. Commissioner Vietor requested the staff to obtain a copy of the full policy statement on dioxins by Communities for a Better Environment. Commissioner Eng recounted her shock at hearing there is information that young infants are getting dioxin through their mothers' milk. She requested that the Department investigate whether the Department of Public Health has had any cases of persons needing or receiving treatment for dioxin poisoning.

5. **Resolution on Policy for Drafting Resolutions.** The Committee reviewed and amended a draft of procedures. Commissioner Eng suggested placing issue submittal forms onto the Correspondence section of the Commission's regular meeting calendar. Director Magilavy added that a letter of acknowledgment and receipt could be sent to those initiating the issue submittals.
   Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, the draft of resolution procedures, as amended, was adopted unanimously, 3-0. This item will next appear on the Commission's consent calendar at its next regular meeting (May 12, 1998).

6. **Update on Earth Day Breakfast.** Commissioner Vietor reported that 30 invitees have been confirmed for the April 22nd observance of Earth Day at the Delancey Street Restaurant.

7. **Update on Commission Strategic Retreat.** Commissioner Vietor will contact fellow commissioners and follow up on setting a date, time, location, and other arrangements.

8. **Potential Biodiversity Resolutions.** Chairperson Evans said she plans to develop a resolution concerning the future of the Open Space Fund Advisory Committee and would invite input from committee members and other interested parties.

9. **Update on Power Plants.** Commissioner Vietor said she was one of about 30 speakers who testified before the Public Utilities Commission urging the PUC to re-consider its decision not to undertake a study of whether San Francisco should purchase the Hunters Point and Potrero power plants from PG&E. She said the testimony of Claude Wilson of the Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice was very moving. However, the PUC members gave little reaction.

10. **Other Business/Public Comment.** Director Magilavy reported that Hillary Gitelman, director of environmental review for the Planning Department had proposed a way for the Commission on the Environment to have input into the environmental impact review process similar to the Landmarks Advisory Board's participation. (See attached memo.)

    Commissioner Vietor referred a discussion of how the Commission and the Department would handle requests from the Board of Supervisors to the Finance and Operations Committee.

    The Department was also asked to determine if the city's parking control scooters have engines with zero emissions or are powered by gasoline fuel.

    The commission president also announced that the hearing topic for May would be green business or sustainable economic development. It was further suggested that future topics might include other issues raised in the *Sustainability Plan* or re-visits of previous subjects.

    Commissioner Eng, Chair of the Public Outreach and Education Committee, noted that so much progress had been made in the outreach efforts of the Commission and the Department that the *ad hoc* group should be suspended until further notice. President Vietor agreed.

11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**File No. PPC-010-98 Commission Resolution Procedures**

RESOLVED, that issues may be brought to the attention of the Commission by one of the following steps:

1. By submission of an Issues Submittal Form, or a letter, to the secretary of the Commission;

2. By comment at any public meeting; or

3. By private communication to any commissioner; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that resolutions may be brought before the Commission by the following procedures:

1. Resolutions must have a sponsoring commissioner;

2. The sponsoring commissioner should submit the resolution to the president, through the secretary of the Commission;

3. The president will assign it to committee, or send it directly to the full Commission;

   a) Once assigned to committee, but before committee consideration, the commission secretary will make every effort to ensure that commissioners have objective information on which to base their decisions;

   b) To ensure that interested parties are apprised of the resolution's consideration in committee, the secretary will send a copy of the resolution and the agenda for the meeting at which it will be discussed to:

      i. The director of any city agency cited in or affected by the outcome of the resolution;

      ii. The mayor's office, if the resolution cites or would affect any of the offices of the mayor or his or her staff, or if, in the opinion of the president of the Commission, it is otherwise important that the mayor be informed;

      iii. Anyone who has asked to be informed on the issue;

      iv. Organizations known to the department to be likely to have an interest in the issue;

4. A resolution will emerge from committee:

   a) If it has been passed by committee and forwarded to the Commission;

   b) If it has not been acted on by committee, but

      i. The committee chair forwards it to the Commission without recommendation, or

      ii. The president of the Commission removes it from committee and puts it before the Commission;

5. The president will place the resolution on the Commission's regular calendar, or on the consent calendar; the group mentioned in item 3(b) above shall again be given notice of the agenda of the meeting at which the resolution is considered;

6. If a non-administrative resolution is passed by the Commission, the secretary shall forward a copy of the resolution to:

   a) The director of any agency affected by the resolution,

   b) The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

   c) Each member of the Board of Supervisors, and

   d) If directed to do so by the president, the Mayor;

7. If the resolution has urged the Board of Supervisors to take action on a matter, discussions by commissioners and staff with individual supervisors regarding the Board's potential action should be coordinated through the president of the Commission;

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**Thursday, May 21, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 16, 1998** — **ACTION**
3. **File No. PPC-010-98 Commission resolution procedures** — **ACTION**
4. **Potential resolution on dioxins and other threats to human health** — **ACTION**
5. **Discussion of the issue of deconstruction as part of the Resource-Efficient Building Ordinance** — **DISCUSSION**
6. **Potential Biodiversity Resolutions** — **ACTION**
   a. **Urging Mayor to support retention of natural area requisition fund**
   b. **Urging Department of Real Estate to proceed with eminent domain for Hawk Hill**
   c. **Requesting Recreation & Park Department to report on its incorporation of Sustainability Plan's biodiversity policies in current planning efforts; and, requesting Recreation & Park Department to report periodically on its progress in implementing the Sustainability Plan**
   d. **Urging City nurseries to propagate plants beneficial to wildlife**
7. **Commission retreat** — **DISCUSSION**
8. **Other Business/Public Comment**
9. **Adjournment**

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## DRAFT MINUTES
## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
**Thursday, May 21, 1998**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioner Eng, Director Magilavy, and Secretary Chow.

2. **Approval of Minutes of April and February, 1998, and of October, 1997** was continued to the next meeting.

3. **File No. PPC-010-98 Commission resolution procedures.** With minor amendments to language, the resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Eng.

4. **Potential resolution on dioxins and other threats to human health.** This matter was continued.

5. **Discussion of the issue of deconstruction as part of the Resource-Efficient Building Ordinance.** Director Magilavy suggested that more research into the ramifications and actual costs of deconstruction processes was needed and further that the current green building legislation process (which is in its final stages) should not now be interrupted by new issues.

6. **Potential Biodiversity Resolutions**

   a. **Urging Mayor to support retention of natural area requisition fund.** This item continued to the next meeting.

   b. **Urging Department of Real Estate to proceed with eminent domain for Hawk Hill.** Commissioner Eng asked if this wasn't a land-use issue and therefore outside the Commission's jurisdiction. Item continued.

   c. **Requesting Recreation & Park Department to report on its incorporation of Sustainability Plan's biodiversity policies in current planning efforts; and, requesting Recreation & Park Department to report periodically on its progress in implementing the Sustainability Plan.** In response to Commissioner Eng's concern that this may be an unusual targeting of one department, Director Magilavy suggested the Commission might request responses from several departments as part of the Commission's assessment of environmental functions in city government for possible re-oganization.

   d. **Urging City nurseries to propagate plants beneficial to wildlife.** Item continued with the suggestion that a list of plants beneficial to wildlife be drawn up. The committee noted that July would be the anniversary of the City's adoption of the Sustainability Plan.

7. **Commission retreat.** No action taken.

8. **Other Business/Public Comment.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**Thursday, June 18, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco**

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Call to Order and Introductions | |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings | ACTION |
| 3. | Potential Biodiversity Resolutions - Urging City nurseries to propagate plants beneficial to wildlife | ACTION |
| 4. | Requesting progress reports from City departments on implementing Sustainability Plan recommendations | DISCUSSION/ACTIO |
| 5. | Commission retreat | DISCUSSION |
| 6. | Other Business/Public Comment | |
| 7. | Adjournment | |

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**Thursday, July 16, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Call to Order and Introductions | |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting | ACTION |
| 3. | Resolution for the City of San Francisco on Dioxin, Public Health, and the Environment – Commissioner Vietor | ACTION |
| 4. | Update on High-Performance Building Legislation (formerly green buildings) | INFORMATION |
| 5. | Update on Toxics Minimization Program proposal | INFORMATION |
| 6. | Weekly Environmental Indicators Report proposal | INFORMATION |
| 7. | Adjournment | |

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*DRAFT MINUTES*
**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
**Thursday, July 16, 1998**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Evans at 6:04 p.m. Present were Commissioner Vietor, Director Magilavy, and Secretary Chow. Commissioner Eng was absent.

2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Continued to next meeting.

3. **Resolution for the City of San Francisco on Dioxin, Public Health, and the Environment – File No. PPC-011-98.** Discussion focused on the intent and implications of the resolution, as well as what additional information might be needed. Commissioner Vietor disclosed that one of her clients is the Health Care Without Harm group, which has an interest in this resolution. Since Commissioner Vietor may have a conflict of interest in this matter, she requested that the City Attorney's Office be consulted on whether she can introduce the resolution or vote on it. It was agreed to circulate a draft of the resolution to various City agencies and interested parties for peer review and comments prior to introduction to the full Commission.

4. **Update on High-Performance Building Legislation.** Director Magilavy noted that after nearly a year of work, this legislation, originally known as green buildings, will emerge from the City Attorney's office next week in its final form.

5. **Update on Toxics Minimization Program proposal.** Originally called TURP, Toxics Use Reduction Program, this proposal aims to reduce the use of toxic substances or materials containing toxic substances on City property or by City agencies.

6. **Weekly Environmental Indicators Report proposal.** This project for a weekly environmental indicators report to be disseminated to the public via the mass media originated in response to the U.S. EPA's EMPACT grant program. Upon the advice of EPA staff, DEnv is preparing a funding proposal to the EPA for this project. DEnv's graduate intern Eick von Ruschkowski is working on a draft of the proposal under the director's supervision. The proposal may be ready for review by the next meeting.

7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

## *DRAFT MINUTES*

**Thursday, June 18, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco**

1. **Call to order and introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioner Eng, Director Magilavy, and Secretary Chow.

2. **Approval of minutes of previous meetings.** Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, the minutes of the previous meetings of October 19, 1997, February 19, 1998, and May 21, 1998 were unanimously approved.

3. **Potential biodiversity resolutions** – Commissioner Evans continued this item to the next meeting pending completion of the drafting process.

4. **Requesting progress reports from City departments on implementing Sustainability Plan recommendation** Sustainable San Francisco has received some funding to undertake an assessment of progress on the sustainabilit plan's actions. Assessment of two sections of the sustainability plan are nearly completed. The Department of th Environment may have the *pro bono* assistance of an environmental professional working on a master's degree t assist Sustainable San Francisco in completing its assessment.

5. **Commission retreat.** The Commission retreat special meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 25. President Vie is in the process of setting the agenda.

6. **Other Business/Public Comment.** Director Magilavy discussed her proposal to Mayor Brown that the IPM program be consolidated or re-structured and that some functions now at the Department of Agriculture be move under the Department of the Environment. The Public Utilities Commission-Bureau of Energy Conservation an DEnv are discussing the potential of a cooperative project around a weekly environmental report that had been discussed in the context of the US EPA's EMPACT program.

7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

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*NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**Thursday, August 27, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Call to Order and Introductions | |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings, June 18 & July 16, 1998 | ACTION |
| 3. | File No. PPC-011-98 Resolution for the City of San Francisco on Dioxin, Public Health, and the Environment | ACTION |
| 4. | File No. PPC-012-98 Resolution Urging City Nurseries to Propagate Plants Beneficial to Wildlife | ACTION |
| 5. | Presidio Issues: Use, Protection, and Planning | DISCUSSION |
| 6. | Update on High Performance Building Legislation (formerly green buildings) | INFORMATION |
| 7. | Update on Toxics Minimization Program proposal | INFORMATION |
| 8. | Identify Transition Measures to Ensure Operation of Department | ACTION |
| 9. | Other Business | |
| 10. | Public Comment | |
| 11. | Adjournment | |

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**File No. PPC-011-98 [ Draft #7, August 23, 1998]**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO: DIOXIN, PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Whereas**, the term dioxin represents a group of chemicals which includes furan and biphenyl compounds[1] with the most well-known dioxin, 2,3,7,8-TCDD, believed to be the single most carcinogenic chemical known to science[2];

**Whereas**, dioxin is a toxic waste byproduct that occurs when chlorinated waste is burned and when other organic chemicals that contain chlorine are manufactured and which in itself has no commercial or industrial use[1];

**Whereas**, dioxin is dangerous to human health, is ubiquitous in the worldwide environment[1] and is a known human carcinogen[3];

**Whereas**, the U.S. EPA estimates that the lifetime risk of getting cancer from dioxin exposure is between one and 1,000 and one in 10,000[4] and the U.S. EPA's Dioxin Reassessment has found dioxin 300,000 times more potent than DDT (the use of which was restricted in the U.S. in 1972)[5];

**Whereas**, dioxin is an endocrine disrupting chemical affecting thyroid and steroid hormones and almost every hormone system examined has been shown to be altered by dioxin in some cell-type, tissue or developmental stages[6],

**Whereas,** dioxin has been linked to endometriosis[7], immune system impairment, diabetes, neurotoxicity, birth defects (including fetal death), decreased fertility, testicular atrophy and reproductive dysfunction in both women and men[6,8];

**Whereas,** dioxin exposure is significant and universal; over 90% of human exposure to dioxin occurs through diet[9,10] and every person in the world now carries a "body burden" of dioxin[5,8];

**Whereas**, Americans ingest a daily amount of dioxin that is already 300-600 times higher than the EPA's so-called "safe" dose[5,8] and the U.S. EPA estimates that eating just a quarter pound of Bay fish daily causes cancer risks to increase by a factor of nearly one in 1,000[11];

**Whereas**, San Francisco residents who consume fish from the Bay and food from local gardens are at additional risk[12]; dioxin contamination in fish reaches health advisory levels throughout the San Francisco Bay[13]; and, San Francisco Bay fish consumers are predominantly low income and people of color[12];

**Whereas**, dioxin is found in the breast milk of women worldwide with the highest concentrations found in women from industrialized countries[14], and nursing infants take in 50-100 times more dioxin than adults due to drinking contaminated breast milk[15];

**Whereas,** respected expert associations and agencies including the California Medical Association[16], the American Public Health Association[17], the Chicago Medical Society[18] and the International Joint Commission[19], comprised of the governments of Canada and the U.S., have agreed upon the need to reduce or eliminate dioxin in the environment;

**Whereas**, dioxin levels exceed effluent limits in at least 27 measurements of treated waste water discharged from pollution sources in the Bay Area[20] and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has resolved that dioxin is a high priority for immediate action to restore water quality and protect public health[21];

**Whereas,** sources of dioxin pollution include medical and hazardous waste incineration, the production of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastics, biomass combustion, diesel exhaust, pesticide manufacturing, paper production, oil refineries[22] (see attached table), and urban street runoff[23];

**Whereas**, the healthcare industry is the second largest producer of dioxins in the United States[24], the only operating commercial medical waste incinerator in the state of California is located in the City of Oakland[25], San Francisco public health care institutions generate significant amounts of medical waste designated for Oakland's incinerator[26], and due to its proximity to San Francisco, the Oakland incinerator threatens or harms public health, fishing and aquatic life throughout San Francisco Bay[23,27];

**Whereas**, a strategy which eliminates the production of dioxin is the only viable course in protecting public health since once dioxin is produced, it is very difficult to destroy or degrade[19,27];

**Whereas**, adverse health effects from dioxin exposure can be reduced through purchasing decisions that reduce or eliminate products that produce dioxin (such as PVC-free plastic or chlorine-free paper); and alternative, less toxic options exist for many products that create dioixin[2],

**Whereas**, pollution prevention is recognized as the most effective waste management strategy[28];

**Whereas**, careful waste segregation has been proven to reduce dramatically the medical waste requiring incinceration[29] and cost-effective technologies which are alternatives to incineration exist for almost all the waste that does need special handling[30];

**Whereas**, dioxin is a clear threat to public health and the environment, zero exposure is the only strategy that truly protects public health[31], local dioxin contamination has a disproportionate impact on low-income and minority communities[32,33]; and dioxin exposure affects all residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area[34];

therefore, be it:

**Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco to designate dioxin pollution as a high priority for immediate action to restore water quality and protect public health; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to establish a task force which would identify the sources of local dioxin pollution, would develop dioxin pollution prevention strategies along with any associated cost implications, and make any further recommendations to implement the intent of this resolution (the elimination of dioxin); and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to require dioxin pollution prevention practices to be a part of all waste management and recycling programs by City departments, hospitals, and businesses which operate in the City; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to ensure that less-toxic, non-chlorinated, sustainable alternatives are actively supported and purchased by the City and County of San Francisco such as chlorine-free paper and PVC-free plastics; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to join it in urging the Department of Public Health to educate people who live and work in San Francisco, and others as appropriate, about the health and environmental effects of dioxin; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to join it in urging the Department of Public Health to report to the Commission on the Environment and the Board of Supervisors how much it would cost and what it would take for San Francisco-based health care institutions to reduce PVC use and eventually become PVC-free; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to San Francisco-based health care institutions which are operated by the City and County of San Francisco, and to encourage them to phase out the use of PVC products; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment requests that the Public Transportation Department and the Public Utilities Commission provide the Commission with a report of dioxin emissions data from sources within their departments within a six month period from the date of this resolution; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the City of Oakland supporting zero-dioxin emission and zero-dioxin exposure and notifying the City of Oakland that the City and County of San Francisco has designated dioxin pollution as a high priority for immediate action to restore water and air quality and protect public health; and be it

**Further Resolved,** that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) supporting zero dioxin emission and zero dioxin exposure and urging the BAAQMD to eliminate dioxin pollution into the air; and be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to send a letter encouraging the Regional Water Quality Board to exercise its full power and jurisdiction, as intended by the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act and the federal Clean Water Act, to protect the quality of water from degradation and to implement a plan to phase out dioxin discharges; and be it

**Further Resolved,** that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency supporting its proposal to require community right to know reporting of dioxin releases and supporting the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee's advice to make dioxin pollution of San Francisco Bay a high priority under Clean Water Act section 303 (d).

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# AN ESTIMATION OF DIOXIN EMISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

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**Table 1** Order of Magnitude Annual Emissions of Dioxin in the US (1989)
Asterisks indicate estimates based on emissions from similar sources

| *Emission Source (Numbers indicate number of facilities tested)* | *Chlorine Content (ppm)* | *Emission Factor (μg/kg feed)* | | *Material Consumed (kg/y)* | *PCDD/F Emissions (kg/y)* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *Total* | *TEQ* | | *Total* | *TEQ* |
| **Consumer Waste** | | | | | | |
| MSW Incinerators (18) | 4,000 | 10 | 0.16 | $2 \times 10^{10}$ | 200 | 3 |
| Hospital Incinerators (6) | 10,000 | 20 | 0.35 | $2 \times 10^{9}$ | 40 | 0.7 |
| Apartment Incinerators* | 7,000 | 60 | 1 | $1 \times 10^{9}$ | 60 | 1 |
| Open Garbage Burning* | 7,000 | 60 | 1 | $\sim 2 \times 10^{8}$ | 10 | 0.2 |
| Sewage Sludge Incinerators (3) | 1,600 | 1 | 0.02 | $3 \times 10^{9}$ | 4 | 0.07 |
| **Industrial Waste** | | | | | | |
| Hazardous Waste Incineration (35) | 80,000 | 3 | 0.06 | $4 \times 10^{9}$ | 10 | 0.2 |
| Copper Recycling (2) | | 20 | 0.3 | $7 \times 10^{8}$ | 10 | 0.2 |
| Steel Recycling (9) | | 0.1 | 0.004 | $3 \times 10^{10}$ | 3 | 0.1 |
| Steel Drum Reconditioning Furnaces (3) | | 30/drum | 0.5/drum | $4 \times 10^{8}$ drum/y | 0.1 | 0.002 |
| Used Motor Oil Burners (2) | | 0.04 | 0.001 | $3 \times 10^{9}$ | 0.1 | 0.003 |
| Bleached Pulp Production (3) | 5,000 | 0.01 | 0.0002 | $3 \times 10^{10}$ | 0.4 | 0.007 |
| Tire Fires (Uncontrolled)* | | 0.09 | 0.004 | $3 \times 10^{8}$ | 0.03 | 0.001 |
| Carbon Regeneration (1) | | 0.06 | 0.001 | $5 \times 10^{7}$ | 0.003 | 0.00005 |
| Tire Incineration (Controlled) (1) | | 0.009 | 0.0004 | $3 \times 10^{8}$ | 0.003 | 0.0001 |
| **Biomass Combustion, etc.** | | | | | | |
| Forest and Agricultural Burning* | ~ 1,000 | 0.4 | 0.004 | $8 \times 10^{10}$ | 30 | 0.3 |
| Residential Wood Burning (3) | ~ 100 | 0.4 | 0.004 | $5 \times 10^{10}$ | 20 | 0.2 |
| Industrial Wood Combustion (4) | 100–1,000 | 0.05 | 0.001 | $6 \times 10^{10}$ | 3 | 0.06 |
| Structural Fires* | 1,000 | 0.4 | 0.004 | $5 \times 10^{9}$ | 2 | 0.02 |
| PCP-Treated Wood Combustion (1) | 10,000 | 8 | 0.1 | $\sim 1 \times 10^{8}$ | 1 | 0.02 |
| PCB Fires* | 500,000 | 1000 | 20 | $7 \times 10^{5}$ | 0.7 | 0.01 |
| Cigarettes (1) | 700 | 0.1 | 0.002 | $5 \times 10^{8}$ | 0.05 | 0.0008 |
| **Fossil Fuels** | | | | | | |
| Oil Combustion (except gasoline)* | ~ 10 | 0.003 | 0.00005 | $5 \times 10^{11}$ | 1 | 0.01 |
| Leaded Gasoline (5) | 60 | 0.03 | 0.0005 | $3 \times 10^{10}$ | 1 | 0.02 |
| Unleaded Gasoline (3) | 10 | 0.003 | 0.00005 | $3 \times 10^{11}$ | 0.8 | 0.01 |
| Coal Combustion (1) | 200 | 0.001 | 0.00002 | $6 \times 10^{11}$ | 0.6 | 0.01 |
| **Dioxin-Contaminated Chemicals** | | | | | | |
| PCP Wood Preservative (to Air) (1) | | $2 \times 10^{6}$ | $2 \times 10^{6}$ | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 2,4-D Herbicide (to Soil) (1) | | 200 | 0.2 | $2\text{-}3 \times 10^{7}$ | 5 | 0.005 |
| Tetrachloroethylene (to Air) (4) | | 10 | 0.1 | $3 \times 10^{8}$ | 3 | 0.03 |
| **Total** | | | | $2 \times 10^{12}$ | 400 | 6.3 |

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## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
## *DRAFT MINUTES*
## Thursday, August 27, 1998

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Eng, Krefting (non-member), Richardson (non-member), and Vietor. Also present were Secretary Chow, IPM Coordinator Hom, and intern von Ruschkowski, as well as Michael Carlin (PUC), John Roddy (City Attorney's Office Daniel Rourke (PUC), and members of the public: David Graves, Ruth Gravanis, Greg Karras, and Bradley Angel.

2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings, June 18 & July 16, 1998.** Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, unanimously approved.

3. **File No. PPC-011-98 Resolution for the City of San Francisco on Dioxin, Public Health, and the Environment .** Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, unanimously approved, 2-0 (with Commissioner Vietor recused), as amended

4. **Identify Transition Measures to Ensure Operation of Department (Item #8 moved up in order.)** Beryl Magilavy's letter of resignation as director of the Department of the Environment was read to the Committee. Commissioner Eng reviewed the list of matters the former director was working on and updated the Committee on their dispositions. Members of the Commission and the Committee voiced their support of the remaining staff of the Department and thanks to Ms. Magilavy for her service to the City and County of San Francisco and the environmental community. Commission President Vietor reported on her meeting with Mayor Brown just before the meeting, conveying the Mayor's desire for the Commission to provide him with the names of three nominees for the directorship of the Department. Commissioners Eng and Vietor volunteered to be at the Department office to assist the staff with programmatic matters at least once a week. Commissioner Krefting volunteered to provide financial oversight to Secretary Chow, who shall be authorized to sign documents related to purchasing of supplies, time rosters, check pick-ups, and personnel action requests under the oversight of the Commission. President Vietor reported that City Administrator Bill Lee has offered to provide assistance to the Commission and the Department.

5. **Presidio Issues: Use, Protection, and Planning.** Item continued.

6. **Update on High Performance Building Legislation (formerly green buildings).** Item continued.

7. **Update on Toxics Minimization Program proposal.** Item continued.

8. **File No. PPC-012-98 Resolution Urging City Nurseries to Propagate Plants Beneficial to Wildlife.** Chairperson Evans requested that copies of the resolution be circulated to relevant parties for review. Item continued.

9. **Other Business.** None.

10. **Public Comment.** Other than public comment during the discussion of Item #3, there was no public comment.

11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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SCHEDULED FOR
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**AND RE-SCHEDULED FOR**
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1998**

***AT *5:30 PM***

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## *NOTICE AND AGENDA*

**Thursday, September 24, 1998**
**6 p.m.**
**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco**

| | | |
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| 1. | **Call to Order and Introductions** | |
| 2. | **Approval of Minutes of August 20, 1998** | **ACTION** |
| 3. | **Weekly Environmental Indicators Report proposal** | **ACTION** |
| 4. | **File No. PPC-012-98 Resolution Urging City Nurseries to Propagate Plants Beneficial to Wildlife** | **ACTION** |
| 5. | **Potential Resolution Urging Mayor to Support Retention of Natural Area Requisition Fund** | |
| 6. | **Update on Resource Efficient Buildings Legislation and Program (formerly green buildings)** | **INFORMATION** |
| 7. | **Potential Resolution: Transportation/Transit Issues Concerning the Presidio** | **ACTION** |
| 8. | **Other Business** | |
| 9. | **Public Comment** | |
| 10. | **Adjournment** | |

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| 3. | Weekly Environmental Indicators Report proposal | ACTION |
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| 6. | Update on Resource Efficient Buildings Legislation and Program (formerly green buildings) | INFORMATION |
| 7. | Potential Resolution: Transportation/Transit Issues Concerning the Presidio | ACTION |
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**DRAFT RESOLUTION URGING CITY NURSERIES TO PROPAGATE PLANTS BENEFICIAL TO WILDLIFE** ***[File No. PPC-012-98]***

**Whereas**, one of the goals of the City's Sustainability Plan, adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, is "to maximize habitat value in developed and naturalistic areas, both public and private";

**Whereas**, the presence of wildlife enriches our lives;

**Whereas**, the base of the food web which supports the earth's biodiversity is the plant kingdom; and

**Whereas**, some species of plants are more beneficial than others in providing food, cover, and nesting material to local wildlife;

therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that City nurseries propagate, or contract with others to propagate, plants which are known to be of value to local wildlife and which are known to grow well in San Francisco; and, be it

**Further Resolved**, that these plants be made available to City gardeners, along with information about their appropriate locations, growing conditions and maintenance; and, be it

**Further Resolved**, that gardeners be encouraged by their supervisors to select plants which promote biodiversity and reduce maintenance needs; and, be it

**Further Resolved**, that any plants excess to the needs of public parks or landscapes be made available to the public for use in private yards and setbacks.

**Notes:**

The list of plant species to be propagated should be developed in consultation with the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, North American Butterfly Association and other experts in ecology.

Any plants to be used in designated Significant Natural Resource Management Areas should come from native plants, propagated from naturally occurring plants growing as close to the site as possible, and planting plans should be approved by the City's Natural Areas Management Team (Recreation and Park Department).

**{Commissioner Evans}**

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# PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
## *DRAFT MINUTES*
## Thursday, September 24, 1998

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Eng and Vietor.

2. **Minutes of August 20, 1998** were unanimously approved without objection.

3. **Weekly Environmental Indicators Report proposal.** Commissioner Eng commended graduate university intern von Ruschkowski for his work on this project and noted the comprehensive and ambitious scope of the proposal. Secretary Chow reported that the US EPA's local contact initially commented very favorably on the proposal and expressed a desire to meet with the Department further on this project. Secretary Chow reported that Sharon Rosenhause, managing editor of the San Francisco Examiner had expressed keen interest in the project. This item will be put on the new director's list of projects.

4. **File No. PPC-012-98 Resolution Urging City Nurseries to Propagate Plants Beneficial to Wildlife.** Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, approved unanimously to forward to the Regular Calendar of the next Commission meeting on October 13. The draft resolution will be circulated to the relevant departments.

5. **Potential Resolution Urging Mayor to Support Retention of Natural Area Acquisition Fund.** The committee heard comments from Ruth Gravanis, a member of the public, explaining the need for a resolution to urge adequate City funding for acquisition of such natural areas as Hawk Hill, Phelps-Palou, 15th Avenue Staircase, O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and Twin Peaks-Aqua Vista sites. and for adequate funding to maintain the Natural Areas Management Team of the Recreation and Park Department. Ms. Gravanis added that publicly owned natural areas not under the jurisdiction of the Recreation & Park Department should be transferred to Rec & Park or managed by Rec & Park through an inter-agency agreement. This item was continued to the next meeting of the committee.

6. **Update on Resource Efficient Buildings legislation and program (formerly green buildings).** Secretary Chow reported that the legislation was in its final stages of drafting and review. Supervisor Ammiano intends to introduce the legislation on October 13, 1998. Secretary Chow reported that a drafting meeting yesterday attended by former director Magilavy in her capacity as director of Sustainable City and the new Medical Director for Occupational and Environmental Health, Dr. Rajiv Bhatia. Commissioner Vietor asked Secretary Chow to request a meeting with Supervisor Ammiano on his legislation.

7. **Transportation/Transit Issues Concerning the Presidio** – Chairperson Evans distributed copies of her draft resolution. Commissioner Eng commented that it would be desirable to have a resolution promoting the goals of transit-first, sustainability, alternative-fueled transportation and sensitivity to the ecology of natural areas in the Transportation Plan for the Presidio; and further urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to work through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to achieve these goals. It was unanimously agreed that a draft Presidio/Transportation resolution should be placed on the regular calendar of the October 13 regular meeting of the Commission on the Environment. The commissioners want to weigh in on these matters prior to the October 20 hearing on the Presidio before the Economic Development, Transportation and Technology Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

8. **Other Business.** Commissioner Vietor reported that the Commission's Bylaws may need to be amended to allow the commission president to vote on items in committee. (The Bylaws state that the president shall "act as an ex-officio non-voting member of all standing committees.") It was suggested that the language of the clause be amended to: "act as an ex-officio *voting* member."

9. **Public Comment.** Ruth Gravanis, a member of the public, called attention to the need to preserve open space on land owned by the Port of San Francisco as well as within the Mission Bay development project. Ms. Gravanis urged the Commission to hold a hearing on the issue of open space prior to the Board of Supervisors' meeting as a committee of the whole on October 19 to discuss the Mission Bay project. She indicated that would practically be the last opportunity to have input into the land use plan for that project. Further, she urged the Commission to hold a hearing, or at least discuss the disposition of Seawall Lot 337 as an open space issue.

10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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6:00 P.M.
HAS BEEN POSTPONED

**AND RE-SCHEDULED FOR**
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1998**

***AT 6:00 PM***
IN ROOM 430, 401 VAN NESS AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO

**THE AGENDA WILL BE PUBLISHED BY 5 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1998.**

CHRISTOPHER CHOW
COMMISSION SECRETARY

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# NOTICE & AGENDA

# PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 22, 1998**
**6 p.m.**

**Room 430, 401 Van Ness Avenue**
**San Francisco, California 94102**

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| 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call | |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of September 24, 1998 | ACTION |
| 3. | Communications | INFORMATION |
| 4. | Review of IPM Program Fact Sheets | ACTION |
| 5. | Review of Current & Planned Programs & Projects for the Department of the Environment | ACTION |
| 6. | Other Business/Public Comment | INFORMATION |
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**Draft Minutes**
**PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE**
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Evans. Commissioner Eng was present and Commissioner Vietor was absent.

2. **Approval of Minutes of September 24, 1998.** Upon motion by Commissioner Eng, unanimously adopted.

3. **Communications.** Brad Benson, legislative assistant to Supervisor Tom Ammiano gave a briefing on Supervisor Ammiano's legislation on municipal green buildings. Now called the Resource Efficient Buildings legislation, the proposed ordinance would set baseline standards for City buildings, owned and leased by the City and County of San Francisco. It would be introduced to the Board of Supervisors in two parts. Part One would focus on four areas: 1) solid waste; 2) water conservation; 3) energy efficiency; and 4) indoor air quality. To fulfill the staffing requirements of the legislation, a supplemental budget request to the Board for the Department of the Environment will be required. Part Two (the innovative piece) would focus on the development of six to ten pilot projects over a two-year period involving the Bureau of Architecture in the Department of Public Works and the Department of the Environment and other City departments requesting pilot projects. The goal of the legislation is to establish future standards for **all** new construction in San Francisco in both the public and private sectors.

4. **Review of IPM Program Fact Sheets.** The fifteen fact sheets developed by the Integrated Pest Management Program of the Department of the Environment were unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Eng.

5. **Review of Current & Planned Programs & Projects for the Department of the Environment.** Commission Secretary/Public Outreach Coordinator Chow gave a brief update on the current status of the Department's programs and projects.

6. **Other Business/Public Comment.** None.

7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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2. **Approval of Minutes of October 22, 1998** — **ACTION**
3. **Briefing on Review of City's Environmental Functions by Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee (MFAC)** — **ACTION**
   (Mr. Sandy Stadtfeld, Team Leader & Ms. Donna Ficarrota, Director)
4. **Other Business/Public Comment** — **INFORMATION**
5. **Adjournment**

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When budget analyst Lierion Gaylor asked if any departments had brought up any unmet issues, Mr. Stadtfeld said the departments interviewed were ignorant of the Environment Department's functions and did not discuss unmet needs.

Ruth Gravanis of the public commented that there wasn't much mentioned about biodiversity and suggested the project team focus on the Natural Areas Management Team at the Department of Recreation of Parks and interview the California Native Plant Society, the Audobon Society, and the California Academy of Sciences.

Ms. Gaylor commented that the study could help the Environment Department frame its scope of work and annual budget and that the Mayor's Office would like to see an issue the department could focus on and further that ways to measure performance and success would be helpful. Mr. Stadtfeld replied that MFAC's scope was not intended to be

The Commissioners suggested names of stakeholders, city departments staff who should be interviewed for the study, e.g., Howard Strassner, a transportation expert and member of the Sierra Club-San Francisco Chapter; Jane Morrison, Chair of the Human Services Commission and President of San Francisco Tomorrow; Jim Morales, Director of the Redevelopment Agency; Jane Rogers of the San Francisco Foundation; Leticia Alcantar of the Tides Foundation; John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club; Michele Perrault, President's Council on Environmental Quality; Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development, Association of Bay Area Gove0rmments, Bay Area Council, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Department of Parking and Traffic, and the National Park Service (which has jurisdiction over large chunks of San Francisco land).

Mr. Stadtfeld said the project team plans to finish all interviews in mid-to-late-January, and that the second phase interviews with Commissioners and cognizant departments would also be completed in that time.

Attached to these minutes are photocopies of MFAC's interim update.

4. **Other Business/Public Comment.** There was no further public comment.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

City and County of San Francisco

# COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ORGANIZATION STUDY

Interim Project Update

Presented by: Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee

December 17, 1998

# THE MFAC PROJECT TEAM HAS COMPLETED MOST OF THE INTERVIEWS FOR THE FIRST, 'RECONNAISSANCE' PHASE OF THE STUDY:

- 6 of 7 Commissioners on the Environment
- 12 of 16 scheduled City departments
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# INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED FOR STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS AND REGULATORY AGENCIES

# FIRST-PHASE INTERVIEWS ARE YIELDING CONSISTENT FINDINGS:

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- The sustainability plan is recognized as a positive statement, but requires greater definition of its implementation.
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# THERE ARE RECOGNIZED NEEDS :

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**SF Department of the Environment**
**Interview Matrix**
**CITY DEPARTMENTS**

| Agency | Contact | Phone | Interview Team | Date/Time | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ag./Weights Dept. | Dave Frieders | 415/285-5010 | A. Freedman<br>P. Shabaniani | 11/12 at 11 AM | 501 Cesar Chavez, #109a |
| City Administrator | Bill Lee | | S. Stadtfeld<br>A. Freedman | 10/09/98 at 1:30 PM | BAH |
| City Attorney's Office | Rona Sandler | 415/554.9437 | | | |
| Commission on the Environment | Francesca Vietor, President | 415/474-0411 | A. Freedman<br>L. Munson | 11/10 at 3 PM | BAH |
| Commission on the Environment | Steven Krefting, V. President | 510/839.9922 | A. Freedman<br>L. Munson | 11/11 at 1 PM | 1904 Franklin #909, Oakland |
| Commission on the Environment | Anne Lee Eng | 415/442.6693 | S. Stadtfeld<br>D. Ficarrotta | 11/19 at 9 AM | |
| Commission on the Environment | Rebecca Evans | 510.873.6753 | D. Ficarrotta<br>J. Pasternack | 11/16 at 2:30 PM | BAH – 101 California<br>So. Park Team Rm |
| Commission on the Environment | Paul Okamoto | 415.788.2118 x3 | A. Freedman<br>J. Pasternack | 11/16 at 4 PM | BAH – 101 California<br>So. Park Team Rm |
| Commission on the Environment | Linda Richardson | 925/675.2489 | S. Stadtfeld<br>D. Ficarrotta | 11/16 at Noon | BAH – 101 California<br>So. Park Team Rm |
| Commission on the Environment | Christine Russell | 415/986.5179 | | | |
| Dept. of the Environment | Chris Chow, Commission Sec'ty. | 415/554-6390 | A. Freedman<br>B. Owen | 11/13 at 3:45 PM | 1540 Market, Ste. 160 |
| Bureau of Environmental Health | Ben Gale | 415/252-3985 | A. Freedman<br>J. Pasternack | 11/20 at 2 PM | 1390 Market, Rm 210 |

CITY DEPARTMENTS, cont.

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| Hazardous Waste Program | (see B. of Environmental Health) | 415/554-4333 | (see B. of Environmental Health) | (see B. of Environmental Health) | 1390 Market |
| Health Dept. | Dr. Mitch Katz (Amy Lee) 554-2222 | 415/554-9160 (ARTS Project) | (see B. of Environmental Health) | (see B. of Environmental Health) | 101 Grove |
| Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) | Al Hom | 415/554-6399 | A. Freedman<br>B. Owen | 11/13 at 3:45 | 1540 Market, #160 (at Van Ness) |
| Public Utilities Commission | Anson Moran (Taras Madison) | 415/554-3155 | | | |
| PUC B. of Environmental Regulation (BURM) | Steve Medbery<br>Tommy Lee | 415/695-7321 | C. Hammer<br>S. Stadtfeld | 12/01 at 3:30 PM | |
| Public Works Dept. | Harland Kelly<br>Tara Lamont | 415/558-4522<br>415/557.4664 | | | 875 Stevenson |
| DPW Construction Mgmt. Site Assessment & Remediation Team | Steve Mullinix<br>Don Eng | 415/554-8374<br>415/554-8216 | A. Freedman<br>P. Shabaniani | 11/12 at 8:30 AM | 1680 Mission nr. Otis, below Central Fwy. |
| Recycling Program | Karen Strandoo | 415/554-1679 | P. Shabaniani<br>D. Ficarrotta | 11/17 at 11 AM | 1145 Market, Ste. 401 |
| Redevelopment Agency | Martha Walters, Enviro. Coordinator | 415/749-2474 | J. Pasternack<br>C. Hammer | 11/23 at 1:30 PM | 770 Golden Gate, 3rd Fl. (nr. Gough) |
| Redevelopment Agency | Jose Campos, Planning Mgr. | 415/749-2442 | S. Stadtfeld<br>D. Ficarrotta | | 770 Golden Gate, 3rd Fl. (nr. Gough) |
| Solid Waste Program | David Assmann for Paul Horcher | 415/554-3400 | S. Stadfeld<br>B. Owen | 11/16 at 10 AM | 1145 Market #401 betw. 7th an 8th |

## ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORS

| Agency | Contact | Phone | Interview Team | Date/Time | Location |
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| U.S. EPA | Felicia Markus | 415/744-1500 | | | 75 Hawthorne Street |
| CA EPA | Crawford Tuttle | 916/322-5844 | | | |
| CA PUC | Paul Clanon | 415/703-2782 x2258 | | | 505 Van Ness Ave. |
| BAAQMD | | 415/771-6000 | | | 939 Ellis Street |
| CRWQCB | Loretta Barsamian, ED | 510/622-2300 97 | | | 1515 Clay St, St. 1400 Oakland |
| BCDC | Robert Tufts, Chair<br>Will Travis, Dpty. Dir. | 415/557-3686 | | | 30 Van Ness, #2011 |

## COMMUNITY/BUSINESS-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

| Agency | Contact | Phone | Interview Team | Date/Time | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARC Ecology | Saul Bloom, Executive Director | 415/495-1786 | | | 833 Market |
| BayKeeper | Mike Luzeau, Executive Director | 415/561-2299 x15 | | | Fort Mason |
| Black Chamber | Michael Pinn, Executive Director | 415/536-1899 | | | |
| Chinese Progressive Association | Gordon Mar, ED | 415/391.6986 | P. Shabiani<br>L. Munson | 11/25 at 9 AM | 660 Sacramento, #202 (betw. Kearny/ Montgomery) |
| Resource Renewal Institute | Huey Johnson | | | | |

## COMMUNITY/BUSINESS-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, cont.

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| Friends of the Urban Forest | Milton Marks, Exec. Director | 415/543-5000 | A. Freedman<br>S. Stadtfeld | 11/13 at 1:45 PM | BAH<br>101 California, 33rd Fl. |
| SF Bicycle Coalition | Dave Sneider, ED | 415/431-2453 | J. Pasternack<br>C. Hammer | 11/23 at 1:30 PM | 1095 Market St, Ste 215 (nr. 7th St.) |
| SF Chamber | | 415/647-0224 | | | 465 California |
| SF Community Recyclers | | 415/731-6720 | | | |
| SF Estuary Project | Liz Blair, ED | 510/286-0427 | | | 1515 Clay St,<br>Ste. 1400 Oakland |
| SAEJ (SE Alliance for Economic Justice) | Claude Wilson, Exec. Director | 415/824.4102 | | | 744 Innes Ave. SF |
| SLUG | Mohammed Nuhru, Exec. Director | 415/285-7584 | | | 2088 Oakdale Ave. |
| SPUR | James Chappell, ED<br>Gabriel Metcalf, Dpty. | 415/781-8726 | L. Simi<br>C. Hammer | 12/03 at 10:30 AM | 312 Sutter, Ste. 500 SF |
| Sustainable S.F. | Beryl Magilevy | 415/437-1899 | A. Freedman<br>J. Pasternack | 11/20 at 4 PM | BAH<br>101 California |
| Urban Habitat Institute | Carl Anthony | 415/561.3333 | | | Presidio Station |

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When budget analyst Lierion Gaylor asked if any departments had brought up any unmet issues, Mr. Stadtfeld said the departments interviewed were ignorant of the Environment Department's functions and did not discuss unmet needs.

Ruth Gravanis of the public commented that there wasn't much mentioned about biodiversity and suggested the project team focus on the Natural Areas Management Team at the Department of Recreation of Parks and interview the California Native Plant Society, the Audobon Society, and the California Academy of Sciences.

Ms Gaylor commented that the study could help the Environment Department frame its scope of work and annual budget and that the Mayor's Office would like to see an issue the department could focus on and further that ways to measure performance and success would be helpful. Mr. Stadtfeld replied that MFAC's scope was not intended to be

The Commissioners suggested names of stakeholders, city departments staff who should be interviewed for the study, e.g., Howard Strassner, a transportation expert and member of the Sierra Club-San Francisco Chapter; Jane Morrison, Chair of the Human Services Commission and President of San Francisco Tomorrow; Jim Morales, Director of the Redevelopment Agency; Jane Rogers of the San Francisco Foundation; Leticia Alcantar of the Tides Foundation; John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club; Michele Perrault, President's Council on Environmental Quality; Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development, Association of Bay Area Gove0mments, Bay Area Council, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Department of Parking and Traffic, and the National Park Service (which has jurisdiction over large chunks of San Francisco land).

Mr. Stadtfeld said the project team plans to finish all interviews in mid-to-late-January, and that the second phase interviews with Commissioners and cognizant departments would also be completed in that time.

Attached to these minutes are photocopies of MFAC's interim update.

4. **Other Business/Public Comment.** There was no further public comment.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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## SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA

*PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE*

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Thursday, January 21, 1999
6 p.m.

**City Administrator's Conference Room 354**
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 1998 — ACTION
3. Department of the Environment Program Priorities for FY 1998-99 and FY 1999-2000 — ACTION
4. Other Business/Public Comment — INFORMATION
5. Adjournment

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**NOTICE & AGENDA**

***PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE***

**Thursday, February 18, 1999**
**6 p.m.**

**Hearing Room 408**
**City Hall**
**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 21, 1999** — **ACTION**
3. **Department of the Environment Organization Study Draft Report to the Mayor by the Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee (MFAC)** — **ACTION**
4. **Department of the Environment Program Priorities for FY 1998-99 and FY 1999-2000** — **ACTION**
5. **Great Sweep III** — **INFORMATION**
6. **Other Business/Public Comment** — **INFORMATION**
7. **Adjournment**

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# NOTICE OF

# CANCELLATION

## OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE

## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

scheduled for 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 18, 1999

Room 352 , City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California

The next meeting of the PPC will be April 15, 1999.

Regular meetings of the full Commission on the Environment are on the third Mondays of each month in Room 400, City Hall.

The next meetings of the Commission are
Monday, March 15, 1999 and
Monday, April 19, 1999.

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

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# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1999
6:00 P.M.
**HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1999
6 P.M.
IN ROOM 352, CITY HALL, SAN FRANCISCO

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## THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999 IN ROOM 352, CITY HALL

## HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND POLICY COMMMITTEE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1999 AT 6 P.M. IN ROOM 352, CITY HALL.

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**Notice and Agenda**
**Special Meeting**

**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
**Rebecca Evans, Chair**
**6 p.m.**
**Wednesday, August 25, 1999**

**Room 352, Office of the City Administrator, City Hall**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Director's Report** — **INFORMATION**
   Review of Department programs and priorities, 1999-2000
   Update on Presidio environmental & planning activities
   Departmental program expansion update
   Review of Bayview Hunters Point community hearing & possible follow-up activities
   Implementation of Resource-Efficient City Buildings Ordinance update
   Earth Day 2000
3. **Planning for Committee activities, 1999-2000** — **ACTION**
4. **Resolution on high-speed ferry service** — **ACTION**
5. **Resolution urging Coca Cola to use recycled/recyclable material in bottles** — **ACTION**
6. **Status of street tree policies in San Francisco and role in fostering biodiversity** — **DISCUSSION**
7. **Other Business** — **INFORMATION**
8. **Public Comment** — **INFORMATION**
9. **Adjournment**

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## DRAFT MINUTES
## Special Meeting

## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE
## Wednesday, August 25, 1999

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Becky Evans. Present were Commissioner Shah and Director Vietor. David Graves was present as a member of the public.

2. **Director's Report.** Director Vietor reported on her meeting with Presidio Trust Executive Director Jim Meadows to discuss potential collaborative projects, such as an eco-center in the Presidio. Mr. Meadows was interested in collaborating with the City on establishing a sewage treatment plant near the Presidio.

   Commissioner Evans reported on the public comments filed with the Presidio Trust, including comments from the City of San Francisco, regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Letterman complex development. The comments criticized the EIS for its lack of information on how the development plans will achieve the Trust's mandate for sustainability and self-sufficiency.

   The director gave an update on departmental activities:

   - Applications for the new Resource-Efficient Buildings Coordinator will be accepted until September 3.
   - The Department will be co-sponsoring a PVC-Free Conference in either December or January.
   - The department continues to monitor the status of shut down of the PG &E Hunters Point power plant. The Director recently toured the plant with Plant manager Mike Jones. For safety reasons, easier access for fisher people and as a first step toward dismantling the plant, they agreed to work together on moving a bridge away from the power plant. Commissioner Shah, who has been working to restore the adjoining area at Pier 98 (now called Heron's Head Park) will assist with these efforts.
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   - The Ocean Beach Task Force will be established pending clarification of Sunshine Ordinance implications.

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- Possible follow-ups to the Bayview Hunters Point community hearing include: a report of the testimony to the public and a review and report of the adequacy health warning postings where people are fishing from the bay.

- Community meetings of the commission will be held on a quarterly basis, with the next one focusing on the Mission District.

- The Earth Day 2000 city steering committee has asked the Department to facilitate efforts on Earth Day 2000. The committee has proposed an Earth month with various hearings in the neighborhoods culminating with a march down to Civic Center on Earth Day. The director has reserved the Civic Center Plaza for Saturday, April 22, and is waiting for a proposal from the committee.

3. **Planning for Committee activities, 1999-2000**. Commissioner Evans proposed the following topics for upcoming Commission hearings: plans for the PUC's Southeast sewage treatment digesters; urban forestry and street trees; an "eco-tour" trail in San Francisco; the proposed downtown Butterfly Center; organic lunches for public school students;
appropriate times for tree pruning; transportation (i.e. Transit-First policy); global warming; the City's socially responsible investment policies.

4. **Resolution on high-speed ferry service.** The proposed resolution was tabled pending further progress of Senate Bill 428 (Perata).

5. **Resolution urging Coca Cola to use recycled bottles.** Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, the resolution was unanimously adopted with an amended title. The committee asked the commission secretary to call Coca-Cola for its response and to contact recycling centers regarding the feasibility of handling refillable containers in the market system. The item will be placed on the Commission's consent calendar at its September 21 meeting.

6. **Status of street tree policies in San Francisco and role in fostering biodiversity.** This item was continued.
7. **Other Business.** None.

8. **Public Comment.** David Graves requested that the Department send a letter to the Recreation and Park Department asking that measures be taken to halt the demise of the California quail.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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# CANCELLATION NOTICE

**Regular Meeting of the PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, September 23, 1999**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
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**Thursday, September 30, 1999**

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**Notice and Agenda**
**Special Regular Meeting**
**(re-scheduled from September 23, 1999)**

**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
**Rebecca Evans, Chair**
**6 p.m.**
**Thursday, September 30, 1999**

**Room 352, Office of the City Administrator, City Hall**

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| 1. | **Call to Order and Roll Call** | |
| 2. | **Director's Report**<br>Department programs and priorities, 1999-2000 activities<br>Departmental program expansion update | **INFORMATION** |
| 3. | **Planning for Committee activities & of issues 1999-2000** | **DISCUSSION/ACTION** |
| 4. | **Resolution* in support of SB 428, a bill creating the Water Transit Authority to develop high-speed ferry service in San Francisco Bay** | **ACTION** |
| 5. | **Resolution* urging SF Employees' Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum, a producer of PVC-plastic, the manufacture o f which produces dioxin, a toxic pollutant of the environment.** | **ACTION** |
| 6. | **Amending IPM Ordinance*** | **ACTION** |
| 7. | **Resolution* urging protection of the quail in SF parks** | **ACTION** |
| 8. | **Planning Treasure Island Hearing for October Commission Meeting** | **DISCUSSION** |
| 9. | **Planning PVC-Free Conference** | **DISCUSSION** |
| 10. | **Ocean Beach issues** | **DISCUSSION** |
| 11. | **Other Business/Public Comment** | **INFORMATION** |
| 12. | **Adjournment** | **INFORMATION** |

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**DRAFT MINUTES**
**Special Regular Meeting**
**(re-scheduled from September 23, 1999)**

**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
**Thursday, September 30, 1999**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Hayes and Shah and Director Vietor.

2. **Director's Report**
Director Vietor reported on the on-going search for larger office space to accommodate new staff and programs, including the Resource-Efficient Buildings Coordinator and program, and the Public Information Officer and program. Interviews of candidates for the REB position will begin next week, and the PIO position will be advertised soon thereafter.

3. **Planning for Committee activities & issues 1999-2000**. Deferred.

4. **Resolution in support of SB 428, a bill creating the Water Transit Authority to develop high-speed ferry service in San Francisco Bay.** Discussion revolved around Supervisor Newsom's resolution (in support of SB 428) that was introduced to the Board of Supervisors on Monday without reference to committee. Russell Long of the Bluewater Network and Howard Strassner of the Sierra Club expressed their opposition to Newsom's resolution. Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, an amendment to the resolution was adopted to read: "RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment does hereby support the environmentally sensitive provisions calling for appropriate state and federal agencies to perform feasibility analyses for use of alternative fuels as well as engine and exhaust emissions-reduction technologies for ferries and ground transportation, and a plan for monitoring impacts to air and water quality that is mutually agreed upon by all concerned agencies."

   Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, Resolution No. 015-99-COE (Environmental Study for Ferries) was adopted unanimously.

5. **Resolution urging SF Employees' Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum, a producer of PVC-plastic, the manufacture o f which produces dioxin, a toxic pollutant of the environment.** Upon motion by Commissioner Hayes the resolution was adopted as amended unanimously.

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6. **Amending IPM Ordinance.** This item was removed.

7. **Resolution urging protection of the quail in SF parks.** Alan Hopkins of the Golden Gate Audobon Society described the quail crisis facing San Francisco and requested a resolution from the Commission on the Environment calling for measures to protect and restore the quail population and habitats in the city. As one of the San Francisco Bird Count compilers for several years, Mr. Hopkins reported that the state bird is virtually extinct from McLaren Park, and its numbers in Golden Gate Park has fallen dramatically in a very short period, due to neglect. predation by other animals (skunks, feral cats, and others) and destruction of habitat (exacerbated by the spread of invasive plants and non-native grasses). He remarked that restoration of the non-migratory state bird's habitat also helps other birds in the environment.

   Mr. Hopkins described the California Quail as important a symbol of our community as the Golden Gate Bridge. He distributed a color photograph of the non-flying state bird standing on the state rock amidst a field of the state flower (the Golden Poppy).

8. **Planning Treasure Island Hearing for October Commission Meeting**. The committee directed the commission secretary in consultation with the department director to prepare a hearing on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island for the October meeting of the Commission on the Environment.

9. **Planning PVC-Free Conference.** Director Vietor reported that this conference, to be held on February 3, 2000, has been re-named the Healthy Buildings conference.

10. **Ocean Beach issues.** Director Vietor reported that a steering committee has been formed consisting of the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Coastal Commission, and the Department of Public Works.
    A planning meeting for the Ocean Beach Task Force (to be appointed by Mayor Brown) is scheduled for October 5 in Room 201 at City Hall.

11. **Other Business/Public Comment.** Discussion of Item #3 ensued. Potential issues to be studied included sport utility vehicles, a car-free day, organic cotton uniforms, and non-mercury dental fillings.
    There was no public comment.

12. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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## Notice & Agenda

**Planning & Policy Committee**
**Rebecca Evans, Chair**

**Thursday, October 28, 1999**
**6 p.m.**

## Room 421*, City Hall

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| 1. | **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions** | |
| 2. | **Adoption of Minutes of September 30, 1999 and August 25, 1999** | **ACTION** |
| 3. | **Resolution No. 012-99-COE Urging Divestment from Occidental Petroleum** | **ACTION** |
| 4. | **Director's Program Report**<br>Program planning for FY 2000-2001 | **INFORMATION** |
| 5. | **Potential hearings** | **INFORMATION** |
| 6. | **Refining Role of Commission** | **DISCUSSION** |
| 7 | **Other Business –** | **INFORMATION** |
| 8. | **Public Comment** | |
| | **Adjournment** | |

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION # 012-99-COE**
**(Passed by Planning & Policy Committee, 9-30-99; Referred by Commission to Committee, 10-18-99 for its meeting on 10-28-99)**

**[Occidental Petroleum Divestment]**

**URGING SAN FRANCISCO'S RETIREMENT BOARD TO DIVEST FROM OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM**

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October 18, 1999

Christopher Chow, Secretary
Commission on the Environment
City and County of San Francisco
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Dear Mr. Chow:

Re: Resolution #012-99-COE concerning Occidental Petroleum Corporation:

Since it is getting late in the day (4:30 P.M.) and I have not heard back from you or another member of the Commission following our phone conversation this morning, I want to reiterate some of the points I made. Your letter of October 14 advising us of the Commission's Resolution, and asking us to respond, came as a surprise, especially since the Resolution will be considered in a meeting at 6:00 P.M. today, only two business days after we received it. I note that the Planning and Policy Committee passed the Resolution two weeks earlier on September 30. The Commission's decision to raise this lengthy list of complex issues on such short notice, without allowing for our input, is very perplexing. It is our policy to communicate openly with our shareholders on all issues of substance and we find it disturbing that the Commission did not allow us the opportunity to address these matters before the Resolution was drawn and placed on today's agenda.

The Commission did not invite anyone from Occidental to participate in today's meeting, although proponents from the Policy and Planning Committee will no doubt be in attendance. There is not a single item in the Resolution that could not be challenged in a vigorous debate among reasonable people. There are no statements of fact in the Resolution that demonstrate that Occidental has done anything to merit the punitive actions proposed in the Resolution. The insinuation that Occidental is responsible for "environmental destruction" is irresponsible, outrageous and totally without basis in fact.

If approved, this Resolution will constitute a gross injustice to the thousands of employees and shareholders of Occidental. The day-to-day affairs of Occidental's worldwide operations are in the hands of a multi-ethnic, multi-racial and multi-cultural work force which is no less committed to environmental protection and advancing human rights than are members of the Commission.

This Resolution is adverse to the principle of fairness, by any objective standard, and undermines the legitimate concerns that all thoughtful people share for a safer planet. It will have the impact of trivializing important global environmental issues that deserve thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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October 25, 1999

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Dear Mr. Chow:

Re: Resolution #012-99-COE concerning Occidental Petroleum Corporation:

As I mentioned in our phone conversation on Wednesday, October 20, I very much appreciate the Commission's invitation to participate in the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Policy Committee on Thursday, October 28, but will be unable to attend due to a previous international commitment.

I have enclosed copies of Occidental's 1998 Annual Report on Health, Environment and Safety (HES), along with a separate report that highlights HES performance in 1999. As the Commission will see, Occidental's commitment to strong performance in the HES area is a matter of public record and can be validated by third parties - including a variety of government oversight agencies. I also have included materials on Occidental's operations in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

In addition, Occidental has a strong tradition of community involvement wherever we operate. Whether it is airlifting children suffering from leukemia in Albania to receive medical treatment in Italy, building the first school in Qatar to accommodate children with disabilities or supporting the Sousson Foundation in restoring the Giant Sequoia forest grove in Sequoia National Park, Occidental and its employees are involved directly in hundreds of civic activities and organizations worldwide.

I also have taken the liberty of enclosing several letters from organizations that Occidental has assisted with recent projects. Although we receive many letters like these, we generally do not make them public because our participation in such projects is motivated by our commitment to help enhance the quality of life near our operations, not by a desire for publicity.

As I noted in my letter of October 18, the allegation that Occidental is responsible for "environmental destruction" is an outrageous claim without basis in fact and I trust that the Planning and Policy Committee will rescind its ill-considered Resolution #012-99-COE. The burden rests on the Commission to demonstrate these accusations are true - based on facts. I would expect the Commission to apply fundamental standards of fairness in this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Lawrence P. Meriage

**POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR HEARINGS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**Biodiversity**
- Lake Merced
- Quail in San Francisco
- Trees/Biodiversity/
- Significant Natural Areas
- Bay Trail
- Parks

**Presidio issues**

**Waste Management**
- Recycling

**Neighborhood Hearings**
- Chinatown environmental matters
- Mission District environmental matters
- Richmond & Sunset District issues
- Ocean Beach

**Major City Inter-Departmental Environmental Planning Issues**
- Waterfront & San Francisco Bay & the Port
- San Francisco International Airport
- Golden Gate Park Concourse (joint meeting with the Concourse Authority?)
- Traffic/Transportation
  - High-Speed Ferry Proposal
  - Car-free Day
  - Fare-free Day
- Water & Sewage Treatment

**Environmental Policies**
- City Energy Policy
- Southern Energy Company plans for Potrero power plant
- Progress on Hunters Point power plant closure

**IPM progress**

**Sustainability Plan**
- Entire Plan / Per Sections
- Environmental report card

**Earth Day 2000**

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**Minutes**
***October 28, 1999***
**Planning & Policy Committee**
**Rebecca Evans, Chair**

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Hayes and Shah and Director Vietor.

2. **Minutes of September 30, 1999 and August 25, 1999** were adopted unanimously upon motion by Commissioner Shah.

3. **Resolution No. 012-99-COE Urging Divestment from Occidental Petroleum.** A letter from Lawrence Mierage, Vice President for Public Affairs, Occidental Petroleum Corporation was received and discussed. In his letter Mr. Mierage strongly objected to the depiction of his company as one "that causes environmental destruction" saying that such a claim is "outrageous and without basis in fact," and that the resolution should be rescinded. Brochures, press releases, and testimonials commending Occidental for its environmental, health and safety record and achievements were distributed to the Committee members and discussed. Commissioner Hayes stated that Occidental had not produced one fact or argument that substantially disproved the resolution's statements of facts. Upon further consideration and motion by Commissioner Shah, the Committee unanimously deleted the words "that causes environmental destruction" and replaced them with "that contributes substantially to global warming and toxic pollution" in the resolution's text. Upon motion by Commissioner Hayes, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Committee and recommended for adoption by the full Commission at the November 15 regular meeting.

4. **Director's Program Report**

   Director Vietor discussed the status of her work on Gas House Cove, the City-owned east harbor of the Marina, which has heavily built-up silt containing possibly contaminated sediment possibly related to an old PG&E site or to the depositing (from tidal action) of other dredged material from other parts of San Francisco Bay over a period of years. The Mayor's Office asked Director Vietor to come up with a policy recommendation concerning the property, which is under the jurisdiction of the Rec and Park Department. There are apparently only two options: one, is to clean up the sediment, and two, is to abandon the site. The director also mentioned there is a variety of less preferable options such as dredging and not cleaning up.

   Development of mercury legislation to establish a program continues with Supervisor

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Leno. Banning of mercury thermometers appears to be a proposal that will be introduced soon. Commissioner Evans suggested that wastewater treatment be monitored as well. Director Vietor said she has been meeting with Michael Carlin of PUC and others on wastewater issues and will continue working in this area. In the resource-efficient buildings program, the search continues for a coordinator. The Pesticide Reduction Program Coordinator is convening a committee of consultants, city staff, and public interest organizations to develop an "approved" list of pesticides for the Commission's approval. The process will be reviewed at the Planning & Policy Committee's next meeting in November. There is a January 1, 2000 deadline for adoption of the list. The public outreach coordinator job announcement is being circulated to the public following a review of applicants from the Civil Service list of eligibles. In the dioxin area, the director will be attending a meeting tomorrow convened by the Association of Bay Area Governments to implement their resolution on dioxin.

Program planning for FY 2000-2001 was deferred to the November meeting.

5. **Potential hearings.** Commissioner Evans referred to a draft list of potential topics for Commission hearings in suggesting some areas that merited looking into: water and sewage treatment, the Sustainability Plan, Presidio issues (i.e., reviewing the resolution urging more public transportation for the Presidio adopted last year), and the City's proposal for a new year's fireworks celebration on Golden Gate Bridge, the declining quail population in San Francisco's parks, and meeting state-mandated solid waste management diversion goals.

6. **Refining Role of Commission.** It was suggested that perhaps instead of one major hearing each month, the Commission would hear presentations on a variety of issues at each meeting. Director Vietor said that having hearings every month and trying to generate policy resolutions from them has workload implications that is beginning to overwhelm the department staff in terms of researching issues, contacting interested parties, analyzing the relevant information, and drafting resolutions in preparation for the hearings. Commissioner Evans recalled that having hearings was also to acquaint the commissioners with the issues. Commissioner Hayes said that there should be outreach to community groups who are doing substantive work so that the Commission would have an opportunity to endorse or act on their work that have policy implications for San Francisco.
In response to the director's concerns Commissioner Shah said perhaps the committee should look at becoming more involved in crafting the agenda of the Commission meetings. The Committee agreed that hearings should continue to be developed for the Commission meetings with suggestions from a variety of sources.

7 **Other Business.** None.

8. **Public Comment.** None.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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*I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its regular meeting of November 15, 1999.*

*Christopher Chow*
*Commission Secretary*

*VOTE:*

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| *Ayes:* | *Commissioners Bingham, Bradford-Bell, Evans, Hayes, and Shah.* |
| *Noes:* | *None.* |
| *Excused:* | *Commissioners Chang and Werbe.* |

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Adoption of Minutes of October 28, 1999** — **ACTION**
3. **Evaluation Process and Criteria for Creation of Approved Pesticides List for City & County of San Francisco Under the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance (IPM)** — **DISCUSSION**
   - Commissioner Parin Shah
   - Deborah O. Raphael, Pesticide Program Coordinator
   - Public Comment
4. **Program planning, FY 2000-2001** — **DISCUSSION**
5. **Planning for future Commission meetings & community hearings** — **DISCUSSION**
6. **Planning a schedule for Sustainability Plan compliance** — **INFORMATION**
7. **Other Business** — **INFORMATION**
8. **Public Comment**

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**Room 421*, City Hall**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of Minutes of October 28, 1999** — **ACTION**
3. **Recommendation of Approved Pesticides List for City & County of San Francisco Under the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance (IPM)** — **ACTION**
   - Deborah O. Raphael, Pesticide Program Coordinator
   - Public Comment
4. **Program Planning, FY 2000-2001** — **DISCUSSION**
5. **Planning for future Commission meetings** — **DISCUSSION**
6. **Other Business** — **INFORMATION**
7. **Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

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**Draft Minutes**
**Planning & Policy Committee**
Rebecca Evans, Chair
**Thursday, November 18, 1999**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Hayes and Shah and Director Vietor. Others present were Pesticides Program Coordinator Raphael, Dan McKenna and Jim Christensen of Rec & Park, David Giorgi of Ecotech Pest Elimination, Dana Lanza of Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice, and Gregg Small, executive director of Pesticide Watch.

2. **Minutes of October 28, 1999.** Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, unanimously adopted.

3. **Evaluation Process and Criteria for Creation of Approved Pesticides List for City & County of San Francisco Under the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance (IPM).**

   **Commissioner Shah** commended **Pesticides Program Coordinator Debbie Raphael** for the department's holistic approach to creating and recommending a reduced-risk pesticides for the City and County of San Francisco and for pulling together a good cross-section of participants to work on the list at the December 1 meeting. Commissioner Shah's role in that meeting will be to represent the Commission and to provide input.

   **Ms. Raphael** briefed the Committee on the purpose and goals of the reduced-risk pesticides list. A graphic was distributed comparing traditional pest control (use of pesticides) with integrated pest management (a multi-modal array of sanitation, physical/cultural controls, and pesticides). The Integrated Pest Management Ordinance banned the use of Category I and II pesticides on City property. However, it was recognized some pesticides may have to be used on some occasions and so the Ordinance mandates that the Commission approve a "reduced-risk pesticides list" that would be created, recommended, and annually updated by the Department of the Environment. Following a meeting scheduled for December 1, for people involved with the City's IPM program, including members of the public, Commissioner Shah, and a consulting scientist, Philip Dickey of the Washington State Toxics Coalition, the Department will create a recommended reduced-risk pesticides list. That list would be presented to the Commission for its approval at its meeting on December 15, 1999.

   The criteria for evaluating chemical pesticides includes risk (defined as a combination of hazard and exposure), cost, and community concern. For example, a chemical may look very toxic on paper, but as a product may actually exist as a solid gel in a plastic container that a person cannot get into, and therefore the risk of using that pesticide may be acceptable. On the other hand, a pesticide may be a low hazard but because of the way it is used (broadcast spray on a playground), the exposure is very high and therefore would be an unacceptable risk. Additional criteria are the availability of acceptable alternatives and their cost. And finally there is community concern. A pesticide such as Roundup, which is not too bad hazard-wise and exposure-wise in the view of some people, may be something which a community may be up in arms over, then it may not be

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acceptable. The process is very complex. Some of the Category I and II pesticides that are banned are proposed for the list because they are not used in general public areas but in enclosed environments, such as a nursery house. A further complication is that some chemicals that are not banned (because of lower acute toxicity) are not acceptable because they are carcinogenic.

**Dan McKenna,** an assistant superintendent for Rec and Park, commented that Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager of Rec and Park, has instructed the department to be a leader in IPM. McKenna said Rec and Park has gone through some growing pains under IPM, working to overturn a philosophy that relied on chemicals as a supplement for labor over the past 30 years and the fact that policy-makers had reduced gardening staff by about 50% in recent decades. He reported that many of the gardeners who had at first resisted IPM now are adapting to it, particularly in the management of the golf courses. **Jim Christensen**, Rec & Park IPM coordinator, predicted that in five years there will be many new products and changes in existing products and even Roundup would be phased out in that time. **Gregg Small** of Pesticide Watch cautioned that Mr. Christensen might be overly optimistic on that point. Mr. Small emphasized that "the IPM program is important to the environmental and public health community in the Bay Area and nationally." He said the Commission's continuing roles would be to provide oversight ( "the whip needs to be cracked once in a while"), and that when new challenges come up, to assist in getting other agencies to work together to move the whole program forward (such as dealing with budget issues and ensuring there are enough resources for implementation).

4. **Program planning, FY 2000-2001.** Director Vietor discussed how activities in the environmental health and justice area will be growing in the coming year. Toxic site remediation, issues around lead, asthma, mercury, breast cancer, and environmentally-preferred purchasing will demand attention. Regarding the observance of Earth Day 2000, the director has met with a coalition of people about general overall visioning and fund-raising (because the group has no staff and actually wants the City to provide some financial support). The Committee agreed to discuss programmatic enhancements for the next fiscal year at the December meeting.

5. **Planning for future Commission meetings.** Director Vietor reported that Supervisor Newsom's Coca-Cola resolution, based on the Commission's resolution, was passed by the Board of Supervisors' Public Health and Environment Committee today, ensuring its adoption by the full Board. The Chronicle and KPIX-TV interviewed the director for their reports on the passage. The director has contacted Supervisor Leno about sponsoring a version of the Commission's resolution urging the Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum. The director has set up a meeting with Supervisor Yee to discuss the Potrero power plant now owned by Southern Energy, and the formation of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the power plant. The director also said the Mayor's Office has asked the department to make a policy recommendation for the future of Gas House Cove.

6. **Planning a schedule for Sustainability Plan compliance.** Commissioner Evans recommended that the Commission and the Department take a look at the five-year objectives of the Sustainability Plan's recommendations and create a matrix that would monitor what progress or activity has occurred in certain areas, such as trees in the biodiversity section, recycling goals in the solid waste section, etc. Commissioner Hayes added that such information about the stellar work being done could be reflected in an environmental report card to be created and issued by the Commission. This would also foster inter-departmental cooperation.

7. **Other Business.** None.

8. **Public Comment.** Ms. Lanza of SAEJ spoke in support of the IPM Ordinance and pesticide program of the department.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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# Notice & Agenda

**Planning & Policy Committee**
**Rebecca Evans, Chair**

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**Thursday, December 16 1999**
**6 p.m.**

## Room 421, City Hall

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.**
2. **Adoption of Minutes of November 18, 1999** — **ACTION**
3. **Resolution No. 013-99-COE Urging Board of Supervisors and Mayor to Commend Ciudad Bahia, Ecuador on Becoming an Eco-City (President Hayes)** — **ACTION**

   Presentation by Peter Berg, Planet Drum Foundation
4. **Planning for future Commission meetings** — **DISCUSSION**
5. **Planning a schedule for Sustainability Plan compliance** — **DISCUSSION**
6. **Update on Department Programming** — **INFORMATION**
7. **Other Business** — **INFORMATION**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Adjournment**

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION # 013-99-COE**

**[Urging Commendation of Cuidad Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador]**

**URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MAYOR TO WRITE A LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO CIUDAD BAHIA DE CARAQUEZ, ECUADOR ON BECOMING AN ECO-CITY**

**WHEREAS,** The Canton Council of Ciudad Bahia de Caraquez of Ecuador has enacted a Bylaw, signed by the Mayor, declaring the municipality of Bahia de Caraquesz, Ecuador an Eco-City based on certain principles of environmental sustainability; and,

**WHEREAS,** There exists in Ciudad Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador an evolving process of environmental awareness of the city's inhabitants and an increasing level of participation and community self-planning for sustainable management; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco to write a letter to the Mayor, Canton Council, and Centro de Educacion Ambiental Eco-Bahia of Ecuador, congratulating Ciudad Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador on becoming an eco-city through the Declaration of Bahia de Caraquez Ciudad Ecologica By-Law and extending an invitation to meet with the Commission on the Environment, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco at a future date to exchange thoughts and experiences on the creation of "Ciudad Ecologica" in Bahia de Caraquez, and on making cities more environmentally sustainable in the Western Hemisphere.

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**TO:** **Commissioners, Commission on the Environment**

**FROM:** **Christopher Chow, Commission Secretary** CC

**RE:** **Ciudad Bahia**

**DATE:** **November 24, 1999**

Pursuant to President Hayes' request for information regarding the basis for Resolution No. 013-99-COE Urging Board of Supervisors and Mayor to Commend Ciudad Bahia, Ecuador on Becoming an Eco-City, the following has been prepared for your information, in addition to the attached dispatch from Mr. Berg..

This matter was first raised in the Commission's special strategic retreat meeting on September 11, 1999 by Peter Berg, Executive Director of Planet Drum Foundation during a discussion about public outreach. Mr. Berg referred to his book *Dispatches From Ecuador* that described how two cities in Ecuador had taken on sustainable environmental planning on a community-wide basis with various public projects and by declaring themselves "eco-cities" through enactment of local by-laws. Some of the extraordinary, innovative policies they've talked about include not charging for public transportation (to eliminate private automobiles), and paying households to sort their garbage for recycling. Other ideas included a municipal renewable energy station and a biological sewage system.

Mr. Berg suggested that "it would be a terrific piece of public outreach, public exposure, news value for the Commission on the Environment, San Francisco to convene a summit of eco-city representatives to open up the subject to the public. You'll have reporters flying from all over the country just to pick up on the information. And the level of sharing that would go on would be terrific." Some of the retreat discussion tied this into the idea of convening a Mayor's Environmental Summit in San Francisco.

On about November 3, I received Mr. Berg's letter of October 28, 1999 addressed to Director Vietor suggesting that the Commission on the Environment write a letter to Ciudad Bahia of congratulations on becoming an eco-city as a step towards eventually convening an eco-cities summit. Upon review, Deputy City Attorney Sandler advised that foreign relations is a matter for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, not a commission, and therefore suggested that a Commission resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to write a letter of congratulations and invitation to Ciudad Bahia, Ecuador, would be appropriate. With the understanding from the president and the director that this item was to be on the November 15 agenda, the resolution was drafted, reviewed, and placed on the agenda. Attached is a second draft of the resolution accompanied by additional information that Mr. Berg provided on November 19. The resolution will go before the Planning and Policy Committee at its meeting on December 16, 1999. Mr. Berg will attend the meeting to speak on behalf of the resolution.

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Dear Chris,
Perhaps you could make copies of this for the commission members to read as part of preparation for Dec. 15 meeting.
Thanks,
Peter

ECUADOR GREEN CITY REVISITED, AUGUST '99

by Peter Berg

When the people of a small urban area decide to pass a law declaring an "ecological city," it is an unusual and laudable act of public dedication. If there are already some extensive reforestation projects immediately nearby, and a non-profit estuary protection agency that employs local residents along the river as workers and guides, this city could strive to actually become harmonious with its surrounding natural systems. And if it is located in the "undeveloped world" and thereby offers a working model for the entire planet (including the "developed" world), it presents a glowing vision of sustainabilty to tempt any fervent reinhabitant, an irresistible opportunity to help create the first truly bioregional Green City

Planet Drum Foundation (PDF) has begun a long-term partnership with Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador, a community devastated in 1998 by El Nino mudslides and a severe earthquake. The city decided to rebuild itself as a "Ciudad Ecologica"and passed a by-law to that effect in February 1999. As PDF's Director, I was invited to assist and spent a month there organizing community consciousness through strategy meetings, talks, interviews, media appearances, workshops, and planning sessions aimed toward an Eco-Gathering for the Bahia de Caraquez Ecological City Declaration and International Mangrove Day Celebration (described in DISPATCHES FROM ECUADOR, available from Planet Drum Books).

After the inspiring success of those events, it was evident that for any future work in Bahia, PDF needed to define a direction of its own. We decided on developing a proposal to create a consultancy of skilled practitioners who could focus on finding ecological solutions for major problems in the city's infrastructure. Areas examined by this study include: biological waste treatment facilities, renewable energy power installations, reforestation of the dry tropical vegetation near the city, public transportation alternatives, retrofitting buildings for alternative energy use and water reuse, community-wide recycling, and other beneficial innovations. For each of these the consultant group would research working examples in other

places, propose several possibilities, and draw up final plans. The consultancy is envisioned as the first step toward realizing a series of major long-range transformative public works projects.

While we sought funding for the consultant team from sources outside of Ecuador (where no financial support exists on a national or local level because of the current severe economic crisis), we decided to undertake a survey of positive activities that had already been started by Bahians themselves, what support they needed, and how their projects could be tied to large-scale infrastructure improvements. In order to get a first hand view of the situation since the Eco-Gathering, a second visit to Bahia was made the following August, accompanied by Judy Goldhaft, Planet Drum's Managing Director.

First Days as an Eco-City

There has been considerable improvement in public awareness of the need for sustainability in Bahia and other Canton Sucre communities in the five months since the Declaration. A profound symbol of this is the new municipal government sponsored housing project for hundreds of people made homeless by 1998's mud slides and earthquake. It is now completely designed, ground has been cleared, and construction will hopefully begin by 2000 on the bayfront in Leonidas Plazas. In keeping with the spirit of the Ecological City Declaration, it is named Los Mangles 2000 (The Mangroves 2000). Planned as a large community of individual small houses, it features some built-in environmentally beneficial aspects such as bicycle paths and mangrove restoration on the bay side. A thorough information campaign will teach new residents about recycling, water conservation, alternative energy, composting and gardening, and mangrove protection so that Los Mangles can progressively become a more ecological neighborhood.

In the temporary housing community of Fanca, a children's "Club Ecologico" of about two dozen members has planted hundreds of mostly fruit trees in the settlement and on some hillsides. They also recycle trash and clean up the streets. Club members hold regular meetings to learn and exchange information about other aspects of ecology and plan further projects. They publicize their efforts by wearing specially designed club t-shirts.

The new non-profit Eco-Bahia Centro de Educacion Ambiental (Eco-Bahia Environmental Learning Center) has about 100 members who come from a wide range of social sectors including workers, students and homeless as well as professionals, business people and activists. The current president is also an agriculture teacher at Colegio Tecnico San Vicente. He arranged a presentation by Judy and myself to over fifty students from his classes and a tour of their hands-on demonstration projects including a tree nursery with native species. Activities of the Centro so far include sponsorship and training of an eco crafts learning group which is developing hand-made recycled paper products of various kinds. It also carried out two small-scale mangrove reforestation efforts, one near the plot that Actmang, the Japanese mangrove restoration group, started near Bird Island and another to ameliorate the effects of sewage runoff into the bay from some houses in Leonidas Plazas. Still in its early stage, the Center continues to reach out for new members in an inclusive democratic fashion, and intends to become an organizational "umbrella" for grassroots citizen-generated projects by any of the organizations and individual citizens in Bahia. The municipal government has just given Eco-Bahia Centro land to construct a building near Los Mangles 2000 to serve this purpose.

Nicola Mears and Dario Proano-Leroux have maintained the recycling program officially begun on the day of the Ecological City Declaration at the main marketplace to recycle organic waste and make compost.

This remarkably industrious pair also directs Rio Muchacho Organic Farm, runs a business to recycle paper as stationery and other items named Eco-Papel, assists in developing the first certified organic shrimp farm, guides "ethical tours," and teaches sustainability directed activities. They aim to provide self-reliant working models while educating both locals and visitors. I visited Rio Muchacho and was struck by the vision and strenuous effort that has been employed there. The farm has been completely converted to organic status, growing bananas in circles rather than rows so that they provide their own mulch and compost from dead leaves, using "chicken tractors" whereby moveable poultry cages fertilize and turn over arable land in small sections at a time, and pioneering other techniques of tropical permaculture. The beautiful grade school that they initiated nearby has a strong ecological thrust and is teaching local children how to appreciate and improve their land-based heritage.

Actmang's mangrove restoration efforts are yielding an encouraning 75% successful growth of plantings.. It was a pleasure to boat back out with Taka Tsuji to the spot in the bay where we had worked before and see young trees which have grown at least a foot high in just half a year. Residents who live nearby along the banks of the Rio Chone are now growing mangrove seedlings for Actmang as well as collecting seed pods.

The Coastal Resources Management Program (PMRC) has rebuilt the boardwalk and observation tower on Heart Island, a mangrove information center, and plans to employ up to thirty local inhabitants there. They will be trained as guides who can teach visitors about marine resources and traditional sustenance methods and skills. PMRC works extensively with the estuarine community and will create employment for hundreds more through a dozen new self-help projects related to preserving the environment, agriculture, education, aquaculture, and fisheries. It is an undeniably vital force for reinhabiting the Rio Chone Bioregion.

We were fortunate to meet Alejandro Bodero Quintero while he was visiting Bahia. A forest protection advocate from the city of Esmeraldes, he has visionary plans for new cottage industries and eco-tourism in the Majaqual estuary. I'll probably make a visit to that area during the next visit to Ecuador which will also be an opportunity to see Actmang's elaborate mangrove restoration work there.

Emergence of Cotacachi Eco-Canton

Ecuador has a surprising amount of locally generated ecological activity, especially in Cotacachi Canton (County) where there was an inter-city meeting in September 1999 to discuss making an Eco-Canton Declaration. A popularly elected committee will discuss by-laws for six months before reconvening to approve them. Bahians Patricio Tamariz and Jacob Santos went to observe the meeting through an arrangement that I had previously discussed with Mayor Auki Tituana Males to begin a relationship based on mutual interests of the two eco-governments. Auki will pay an exchange visit in November to observe sustainability projects in Bahia de Caraquez.

The canton of Cotacachi is an extremely significant ecological area because of its proximity to the large Cotacachi-Cayapas Biosphere Preserve established by the United Nations. The territory covered by the Eco-Canton Declaration can be considered as part of a potential unified buffer zone to protect the unique biological richness of the preserve. Judy and I traveled through this zone which also includes the famous indigenous market city of Otavalo, the large Intag area of farmland cum wilderness, and the truly remarkable small Reserva Los Cedros administered by the Center for Investigation of Tropical

Forests.

Inside a Cloud Forest

Reserva Los Cedros is within the "choco" cloud forest vegetation formation in the western foothills (Pacific side) of the Andes. It is extremely steep country and mules are required for a six hour trek to the reserve over a mountain trail that is "camel backed" with long sections of corrugated ruts a foot or more deep. Starting from Quito, we were guided by Jose Decoux, the Reserva's founder and manager, in his vintage Land Rover that I christened "Excuseless" after the jolting trip over progressively worse roads to a back country rancheria where we spent the night. The mule-back journey began the next morning by crossing a swaying narrow plank suspension bridge high over the rocky rapids of Rio Magdalena. We next wound through banana plantations with "living fences" of thorny cacti.and corn fields that ran nearly to the tops of the surrounding peaked hills. Farms and infrequent houses fell away as we climbed higher to places where the trail measured only a foot wide with the mountain face like a wall on one side that fell away on the other in a sheer drop to the Rio Magdalena - now visible as a thick blue and white cord more than 500 feet below. (The concerned attention I paid at those moments to every step by the mule I rode was laughably over-absorbed compared to the truly keyed-up encounter on the return trip when in a similar place we met another mule train headed in the opposite direction. Our party had to turn around in that incredibly narrow space to retreat and clamber up forty five degree angled gullies while a dozen mules squeezed by.)

A cloud forest is lush beyond anything I've seen in the northern temperate zone: green walls, green ceiling, green floor. Because of the steep foothill terrain, my visual perceptions were permanently confused since the view in every direction was nearly always of roots, trunks, branches, and tops of trees appearing at any height and all at the same time. Every part of a tree is completely covered with mosses, air plants, vines, ferns, and other growth so that it feels like the middle of a cloud of leaves. Plants growing on plants growing on plants, and the trail is only discernible where it isn't overgrown because some of its leaves are brown. Climax "choco" forests date from the Pliocene Era and although they are so dense that glimpsing a distant vista through the trees is rare, most of the ground area away from the trail is clear enough to be traversable (albeit slowly) without chopping a path. Butterflies are encountered constantly, and incredibly,each new one is usually a completely different looking species than the last.. One of them is transparent winged except for a small dot of red at one side resembling a speck of dead leaf, making it invisible on most surfaces from only an inch away. Another has thick horizontal blue and black stripes that are as startling as face paint.The chatter of birds such as toucans and parrots is frequent but it usually takes prolonged observation to see them through the vegetation. If they do appear, their sharp color and distinctness of design tends to be sumptuous. The unique Cock of the Rock has a large flaming orange knob on top of its head with a cape of the same color extending part way down its back above an otherwise dark brown body.

Jose begged off providing a name for anything we saw during the week that we explored different trails because "choco" species are so numerous as well as not completely listed. But he asked to hear about anything interesting that we might see because it could possibly be unknown to the Reserva staff. When I returned from a walk and described a thick braided-looking mass about three inches wide, two inches high and a foot long consisting of hundreds of small black larvae that lay alone in the middle of the trail, there were blank stares from Jose and other Los Cedros regulars followed by acknowledgement that another previously unseen "choco" phenomenon had been found. Some of the few studies of biota that have been undertaken

in this region reveal the reason for difficulty in knowing it well. There is a greater diversity of species here than in the Galapagos Islands which are celebrated for their uniqueness, and far more of them are endemic. Vascular plants alone number over six thousand species with over one thousand occurring nowhere else on earth. All of the endemic plants and animals are especially threatened by logging, mining, and increased settlement. Since only about one-twentieth of the total forest of western Ecuador remains intact, protection through reserves like Los Cedros and the rest of the potential buffer zone around Cotacachi-Cayapas is urgently essential to save and learn about exceedingly rare forms of life.

## Expanding Planet Drum's Role

We are attempting to raise about $70,000 for the consultancy to determine which projects are the most appropriate for making major municipal infrastructural changes in Bahia de Caraquez.. Planet Drum sent a proposal to two dozen major US and international foundations, and we are waiting for responses. In the meantime, consultancy participants are being lined up to meet in the San Francisco Bay Area and later travel to Bahia to carry out site research and make recommendations. Our intention is to generate the most practical suggestions for solutions, create public enthusiasm for them, and help raise more funds to eventually carry them out. The consultancy phase can be completed within the next year if it is funded soon.The actual projects could easily take five to ten years and run to tens of millions of dollars. (In the case of a sewage system, for example, even the present unfunded municipal plans calling for a conventional type of sewage plant that would continue to empty pollutants into the bay is budgeted at $3.1 million.)

During the first visit last January, I became aware of a municipality master plan for reforesting hillsides immediately adjacent to Bahia that had originally been designed by PMRC. The City Planning Department chief stated that it would cost $210 thousand and that he had applied for an inter-Andean agency loan (not Ecuadorean funding) and hoped to receive it soon. In August I learned that the needed funds hadn't been allocated and would not be in the foreseeable future. I offered to try to raise money for incremental work on those sections of the master plan that were scheduled solely for native vegetation and didn't require new landscaping (these sections are the most bioregionally significant).

The city planner agreed, and both he and Municipio Mayor Cassis wrote letters authorizing PDF to carry out part of the reforestation plan, and the Bahia Rotary Club agreed to sponsor it as well. Since then we have written a $24,750 budget for this project, and are actively seeking full funding support. Cottonwood Foundation has started the project fund off with a grant of $1,000 which is already planned for use in acquring seedlings and planting them during my next visit in Jamuary 2000.

There are plenty of tie-ins for the revegetation project with ongoing local efforts. Determining the proper mix of native dry tropical forest plants and drawing up a working ground plan can be done by groups that have had success with smaller revegetation activities. .Seedlings of native trees can be grown at Colegio Tecnico San Vicente. Paid workers can come from barrios near the reforestation sites, and volunteeers from various community groups.

With approval for this project already won from so many parties, PDF needs to have a field office in the municipality to oversee future work. I signed an agreement with Eco-Bahia Centro's acting secretary, Jacob Santos, to find a suitable space in Leonidas Plazas, a

predominantly working class district. Our hope is to obtain an office with a small living space, possibly with additional room for temporary use by Eco-Bahia Centro or other groups. Planet Drum staff, interns or volunteers expect to visit Bahia for a few weeks twice a year. When the office is unoccupied by us it can possibly be used by other non-resident organizations such as Actmang.

Although the Ecuador projects involve different places and conditions, this isn't a total change for Planet Drum. We have always advocated recreating urban environments so that they can become sustainable within the restored natural systems of bioregions. Now we intend to help design and build a practical model that will embody this vision.

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## Draft Minutes
## Planning & Policy Committee
## Thursday, December 16 1999

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairperson Evans. Present were Commissioners Hayes and Shah, Director Vietor, and Commission Secretary Chow.

2. **Adoption of Minutes of November 18, 1999.** Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, unanimously adopted as amended.

3. **Resolution No. 013-99-COE Urging Board of Supervisors and Mayor to Commend Ciudad Bahia, Ecuador on Becoming an Eco-City. (President Hayes).** President Hayes introduced Mr. Peter Berg, Executive Director of Planet Drum Foundation, to discuss the significance of this resolution and the role it would play in advancing sustainability planning for the City of San Francisco as well as the world. President Hayes noted that formal letters of commendation are treated with a great deal of importance in Latin America. In response to question from Director Vietor, Mr. Berg said there is no criteria for establishing an eco-city, but that a model law of ecology enacted by Bahia de Caraquez, sets forth certain principles of environmental sustainability. President Hayes directed that a copy of the Model Law enacted by Ciudad Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador be provided to members of the Commission for their information. Director Vietor suggested that should this resolution be passed that a member of the Board of Supervisors, perhaps Supervisor Alicia Becerril, be identified as a sponsor to introduce the resolution to the Board. Upon motion by President Hayes, the resolution was unanimously adopted. It will be placed on the consent calendar of the January, 2000 meeting.

4. **Planning for future Commission meetings.** President Hayes requested that Mathis Wackernagel of Redefining Progress be invited to give a presentation at the Commission's January meeting. He also requested that representatives of Sprint PCS and other parties related to siting PCS telephone electromagnetic antennas on apartment buildings be invited to speak to the Commission at the January meeting. Director Vietor suggested that a representative of the Earth Day 2000 coalition be invited to the January meeting to discuss the coalition's plans for celebrating Earth Day in the year 2000.

   Following discussion of various suggested topics for future Commission business (mercury, Ocean Beach, Potrero power plant, the Marina and Gas House Cove, Airport Runway Expansion, Mission Bay and Mission Creek), it was agreed to convene a special half-day meeting of the committee on January 14, 2000 from 2-6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Department of the Environment, 1540 Market Street, Suite 190, to specifically plan the Commission's schedule of meetings and agenda.

5. **Planning a schedule for Sustainability Plan compliance.** The committee discussed investigating the feasibility of creating an annual "environmental report card" to meet the Charter mandate for production and release of an annual assessment of the environmental condition of the City and County of San Francisco. It was requested that the commission secretary consult with Deputy City Attorney Sandler regarding what is legally required of the Commission in an annual assessment.

6. **Update on Department Programming.** Director Vietor outlined the departmental budgeting process now underway, stating that February was the due date for baseline and program enhancements proposal for FY 00-01.

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Two areas were identified for significant enhancements: rent, and 3 new positions (finance, natural resource management, and sustainable development -- which would include environmental justice and health and the sustainability plan).

Commissioner Evans expressed concern whether the Department of the Environment has the authority to be involved in program areas that are presently under the purview of other jurisdictions and departments. Citing the Charter mandates of the Commission and the Department, members of the committee expressed support for the proposed budget enhancements (which still need to be finalized by the Department and endorsed by the Finance and Operations Committee and the full Commission).

7. **Other Business.** None.

8. **Public Comment.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.